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# THE MANUSCRIPTS OF SIR WILLIAM FITZHERBERT, BART., OF TISSINGTON, CO. DERBY.



With the exception of the contemporary accounts of the Pretender's march through Derbyshire, &c., in 1745, which are printed at the end of this report, the documents noticed in it were found at Tissington Hall as a separate collection in three portfolios, among a great quantity of correspondence of much later date.

From the fact that the letters contained in these portfolios are all addressed to G. Treby, afterwards Chief Justice, and that the bulk of the other papers in them are connected with the Popish Plot, with which he was also connected as chairman of the Committee of Secrecy and in various official positions, it seems clear that these papers once belonged to him. It is not clear, however, how they came to Tissington. The only hint to be found upon the subject is a note (without name or date, but in the handwriting of Sir W. FitzHerbert who died in 1791) in one of the portfolios that the Mr. Marsh, whose letters and papers were found together with Treby's Manuscripts, was an attorney of eminence, and of an exceedingly fair character in London, who died about 1765–1770 near 80 years of age; though he could not have been Justice Treby's clerk on account of the lapse of time, he may have been the clerk's son. This would bring down the date of the discovery of the papers to about the time when Sir W. FitzHerbert, grandfather of the present owner, was a barrister in London, and suggests the conclusion that we owe the preservation of this small portion of a once large and valuable collection of historical documents to him.

It will be noticed that the papers deal with four distinct subjects. 1. Letters from General Monck; 2. Private correspondence addressed to Mr. Treby; 3. The Popish Plot documents; 4. The Rebellion in 1745. It has seemed therefore that it is better in this report to depart from the usual strict chronological order, and to take the papers according to the subject rather than according to their dates.

In the first 20 letters of the third division we have an unusually curious and interesting set of documents, for they are evidently the original letters of the secret correspondence between the Courts of France and England in the latter part of the reign of Charles II.

The only cyphers (as a rule) made use of in these letters were certain numbers in the place of names. The body of each letter seems to have been written in an ordinary hand, only with sympathetic ink, probably with lemon juice as is suggested by Coleman himself in a letter of his printed in the State Trials, which having once been brought to light is still legible, though oftentimes faint. Sometimes the whole of a letter has been written in this light brown ink; sometimes the secret writing occurs as a part only of a letter, of which the rest is written in common black ink, upon ordinary harmless topics; sometimes it appears as interlineations throughout a letter written with common black ink.

In order to bring out these characteristics as far as possible, these 20 letters have been copied line by line, as in the originals, italics being used to represent the common writing in common black ink, the usual type being used to represent those portions which are written with the sympathetic ink. The interpretations of cypher numbers (sometimes in

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brackets, sometimes as interlineations) are given here as they are in the originals. These are all written in black ink, and are the work, it would seem, of those who were employed to decipher and prepare the letters as evidence. In the same way, the underscoring of certain passages seems to be the work of these interpreters, and to be intended to mark passages of specially incriminating weight. None of these letters are signed, but it seems probable that some of them were written by Sir W. Throckmorton, and others by Mr. St. Germaine.

The rest of the letters belonging to the correspondence of this conspiracy are copies of other letters of the same nature as those noticed above. The words found upon many of them "translated by &c." evidently mean, in many cases at least, translated out of cypher or sympathetic ink, as in several instances both the originals and the transcripts are preserved. A careful comparison of these copies with the originals shows that the copies are quite accurate.

In order still further to represent the nature of these papers a few notes have been added, and all editorial additions are in italics, enclosed within square brackets.

Upon the whole, there would seem to be little doubt that all these papers are either a part of the actual letters, or formal copies of original letters, which were seized in the house of Mr. Coleman, secretary to the Duchess of York, and made use of for his prosecution.

In the earlier portion of these notes mention has been made of the existence at Tissington Hall of a large quantity of other correspondence. The bulk of them are Lord St. Helen's correspondence between the years 1795–1835; it is not reported on because so much of it is of such recent date, though there is very much in it of great interest. Among his correspondents are King George IV., the Princess Elizabeth, the Princess of Orange, Mr. Canning, Lord Chesterfield, Lord Exeter, Sir Thomas Lawrence, Mr. Wilberforce, the Duke of Wellington, the Prince of Sweden, Madame de Stael, Lord Malmesbury, Mr. Gally Knight. There are also many letters between Gally Knight and George Ellis when abroad in 1788, official correspondence with foreign ministers and with the ambassador at St. Petersburg in 1802, and correspondence with the British Museum, &c., &c., &c.

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### SPEECH of the LORD KEEPER COVENTRY at the Star Chamber.

1626, June 7.—Four closely written sides of foolscap of instructions to the Judges about to go on circuit.

Besides the ordinary duties in court they are to see to the carrying out of the laws against Popish Recusants, and especially watch those in authority who are suspected of misleading others. The increase of Popery and backsliding in religion must be counteracted. The law of confinement at home of Recusants should be enforced. They flock in companies to their public meetings, especially in the northern parts, as to St. Winnifred's Well. Such things should be prevented.

Mischief also arises from the non-attendance of Justices of the Peace at Assizes. It is disrespectful to the Judges; and it deprives the Justices of the lessons they might learn as to their duties. This neglect tends to produce neglect at Quarter Sessions, and again in their several localities.

The number of Justices of the Peace has been diminished. The best men in the counties are to be chosen. This will make more efficiency.

Disorders in ale houses is the greatest source of evil in the commonwealth. They ought to be few in number, and only in open streets, for

the reception of poor travellers which are not able to lodge in inns. The Judges should agree upon some common course in this matter, and proceed against the alehouse keepers, and those of the Justices who wink at their proceedings. In this county there are 1000 ale houses in one Hundred. How many thousands of wicked men must there be who spend their time and estates to support all these!

Workhouses should be built, and stock provided for the poor.

Bridges and Highways should be attended to.

Lastly. It is now a time of war and his Majesty hears that there are many deserters. If any such are found and their offences do not merit death, they must be punished publickly and sent back to their regiments.

*Endorsed.* "MSS. in Shorthand."

A Copy of a Letter from an Officer of the Army in Ireland to his Highness the Lord Protector concerning his changing of the Government. [*Signed,*] R. G.

1654, June 24. Waterford.—A long letter of 25 closely written pages protesting against the present government which is nothing better than a monarchy bottomed by the sword and 30000 men. As things are now enormous sacrifices and sufferings have been incurred in pulling down a legal monarchy somewhat too tenacious of power, with the result that the present government is yet more autocratic and arbitrary.

The writer is in favour of a free and equal commonwealth.

General G. Monck to Major Ralph Knight.

1659, August 13.—"In pursuance of an order of the Councell of State dated the seaventh instant these are to authorize and require you to give orders to the officers comanding the severall troopes of my owne Regiment of Horse to recruit to eighty in each troope (officers included) and to take care that such as you entertaine bee well affected persons, well mounted and arm'd, and (as neare as you can) old soldiers, and this to bee done with as much speed as may bee. And the Deputy Commissaries of Musters are hereby required to passe such men as you shall entertaine by vertue of this order upon the musters as they shall appeare."

The Same to Colonel Knight.

1659–60, January 3. Whittingham.—"I have received your letter and am glad you are gott safe into Newcastle, wee shall be at Morpeth to morrow night and the next night att Newcastle. I shall desire you if you heare of my Lord Lambert's advancing towards Newcastle againe to give mee notice of itt, and send out some men for that purpose to discover, which is all att present.

Let me know whether the Lord Lambert's forces bee broken or not, or what other intelligence you have."

The Same to the Same.

1659–60, January 4. Morpeth.—"I have received your letter, and am glad that Tinmouth Castle hath declared for the Parliament butt I would have you deale with them, before I come, to march out of the Castle, and I shall appoint quarters for them in the country, and to that purpose I would have you write to them. For the officers that were going for Scotland I would have stay there till I come tomorrow."

The Same to the Same.

1660, April 17. St. James'.—"I desire you forthwith to give orders to the officers of the respective troopes of your regiment to call together

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the non-comission officers and soldiers under their respective commands, and then to tender them the address lately subscribed by the officers of the army for their subscriptions, and to discharge out of their troopes respectively any non-commission officer or soldier who shall refuse to joine in those subscriptions, and you are to direct the officers not to lett them knowe the end for which they are to come together untill their meeting, and the tendring of the said address unto them."

The SAME to the SAME.

1660, May 3. St. James's.—"Haveing received a letter and declaration from his Majesty whereof the inclosed are copies, and the officers at the head-quarters haveing subscribed an address, of which the copie is alsoe inclosed, declareing their satisfaction in the said letter, and declaration, and their expectation of the enioyement of much tranquility and happiness under his Majestie's Governement, I desire you will communicat them to the officers of your regiment and tender the address to bee signed by all the commission officers under your command, and when subscribed to returne it."

The SAME to the SAME.

1660, May 23. At the Cockpitt.—"You are to march (uppon notice given) with my owne regiment, your regiment, and Col. Cloberye's regiment of horse, to Blackheath, where you are to drawe them upp and make a stand uppon the said heath whilst his Majestie is passing by. And I shall send you notice of the time by the officer whom you send with me."

The SAME to the SAME.

1660, May 26. Canterbury.—"I desire you will not faile, with your owne, Colonell Cloberie's, and my regiment of horse, to bee att Blackheath uppon Tuesday morning next to bee drawne upp against his Majestie comes by according to your former orders. Whereof I desire you nott to faile: and to order them nott to fire till the Kinge bee passed by."

The SAME to the SAME.

1660, May 26. Canterbury.—"Having appointed the Lord Fauconberge's and Lord Howard's regiment to meet att Blackheath on Tuesday morning next by seaven of the clock, I desire you will drawe them uppe according to former orders, in five divisions, leaving a convenient distance betweene each regiment."

"My Lord Howard and Lord Fauconberge are content that the Scotch regiments and theirs shall take place according to the date of their Commissions."

The DUKE OF ALBEMARLE to Sir R. KNIGHT.

1661, June 8. The Cockpitt.—"I received yours of the 5th instant, and soe soone as monies come in you will receive your pension out of the Exchequer, butt att present there is none to bee had, and soe itt will nott bee fitt to move his Majestie in itt till there bee money, butt when itt is seasonable I shall assist you what I can."

The SAME to the SAME.

1661-2, January 18. The Cockpitt.—"Permit the bearer hereof Sir Ralph Knight with his servant, horses, swords, and necessaries, to passe about his occasions in Yorkeshire and other parts and to repasse without molestation."

The Same to the Same.

1662, March 29. The Cockpitt.—"I received yours of the 24th of March instant and thanke you for your care in promoting his Majestie's service heere in speaking to Captain Parke to raise a troope for Portugall, butt there was an intention (when I wrote to you) to raise seaven troopes heere and now there is but two to bee raised, and the officers have already received their leavy, butt seing Capt. Parke is soe willing to goe I shall bee mindefull of him uppon the next occasion."

The Same, with others, to the Same.

1662, June 25.—"Whereas his Majestie by his Proclamation dated the 22th day of June 1662 requires all officers and soldiers that have served in the armyes of the late usurped powers to depart out of the cittyes of London and Westminster on or before the 26th day of this instant June. And whereas the bearer hereof Colonell Sir Ralph Knight was lately disbanded out of the late army in pursuance of an act of Parliament and thereby conceives himselfe concerned to take notice thereof and yield obedience thereunto. And whereas it appeares by a certificat of his Grace the Duke of Albemarle that the said Colonell Sir Ralph Knight hath faithfully served his Majestie and did correspond and joine with the said Duke of Albemarle in his Majestie's most happy restoration. These are according to the power given us by the said Proclamation to will and require all his Majestie's officers and others whom it shall or may concerne to permitt the said Collonell Sir Ralph Knight quietly to remaine and bee within the said Cittyes of London and Westminster and the parts thereabouts without their lett or molestation for the space of twenty daies next after the date hereof as they will answer the contrary. Given under our hands the 25th day of June 1662 and in the fourteenth yeare of his Majesties Reigne."

[*Signed*] Albemarle.
Lindsey.
Wm. Morice.

The Same to the Same.

1667, July 31. The Cockpitt.—"I received your letter dated the 29th of July. Sir Stephen Fox has money in a readiness to paye your troope. But as to your pension, money is soe scarce that I would not have you come upp about it, because I would bee loath you should loose your labour."

The Same to the Same at Yarmouth.

1667, August 13.—"It is his Majestie's pleasure that on Fryday the sixteenth of August instant you disband your troope of horse att the towne of Yarmouth, and that upon their disbanding you cause them to deliver in to the Mayor of Yarmouth all such armes as you received for them out of his Majestie's stores, to witt pistolls with holsters, backs, breasts, and potts, the said Mayor of Yarmouth being appointed by the Commissioners and by the Lieutenant General of his Majestie's ordnance to receive the same for his Majestie's use.

"Sir Stephen Fox will furnish you with monies to pay them upp to the said sixteenth of August inclusive, and also with fourteen dayes pay more for the officers and soldiers (beyond that time) which his Majestie is pleased to allow them to defray their charges in returning to their homes. And you are to take a receipt under the hand of the said Mayor of Yarmouth for the armes you soe deliver unto him and to send the said receipt unto mee."

MSS. of Sir W. Fitzherbert.

Martyn Ryder to his kinsman George Treby at Plymton.

1671, September 9.—I do not think we shall have much news the rest of this vacation.

You know how far the new farmers have gone with the King for the Customs. One patent was sealed for the best part of it, and that for wines was drawn. But they upon confidence of the money they had already paid, and the interest they had, thought they might make better conditions and add some other clauses for defalcations. The King did not like this, but being more than ordinarily moved told them that he should never have an end with them at this rate, nor any certainty in his revenue, and that if they would not accept the terms already agreed upon, they might leave it. "My Lord St. John forthwith, with the consent of the rest, delivers their patent into the King's hand, who accepts it and lays it by. This has made much adoe and stir in the town." The farmers complain that Bucknal has been beforehand with them. The Court complains of St. John that he is dirty, and some say he is forbid the Court. Negociations followed, but Michaelmas was so near that farmers could not be found in the mean time, and Lords Ashley and Clifford, propose to have it done by commission. "But who should be the men? Ashley nominates Mr. Upton and Mr. Millington, merchants. The King, Sir William Tompson—the Duke of York, Mr. Buckworth, and Capt. Cock. Sir Thomas Clifford, Mr. Garraway. All were accepted but the Duke's two, and the four are to manage the whole. It is further said that Lindsey, the goldsmith, is to be treasurer, and Man their secretary. The merchants are very well pleased with this alteration, upon the presumption that they should meet with nothing but hardship from farmers, some of which were needy enough and design nothing but their own advantage. But they hope better from such men as these who are put in to do justice between the King and his people, without the least respect to their own advantage, for they are to have very considerable salaries, the least says 1600 . . . 2000 per annum each. What will be the effect of this sudden change time will show, but 'tis believed that the farmers doe very much repent of that d[emand] . . . for they have paid in £60000 advance but are to be reimbursed when the King has money. The King told Sir W. Tompson [he] did pitch [upon him] because he thought he would do his [duty] and that without the least recommendation from any person."

The King has not yet gone to the race. Lord Henry Howard is gone to prepare Norwich Castle for his reception, and Lady Arlington is to provide her house.

Some think that Ashley will be now made Treasurer that he may superintend these Commissioners.

It is said the farmers will not sit down quietly, but will try what law and equity will do for them. The money for bribes &c. is certainly lost.

M. Ryder to G. Treby, M.P.

1677, March 30, Exeter.—The chief case at the Assizes was that of the town of Plymouth v. Strode. The verdict was against the Lambhay, upon sufficient evidence.

The little man is very much affected and is determined to prosecute you, and has already set out for London.

He is principal agent too in the presentment against the Mayor of Plympton for not taking the Sacrament and Oath according to the new Act. You will be as much surprised as I am at this. The Grand Jury

have found a bill. Some of our friends would have contrived to baffle this if it had not come on while they were engaged at the bar. This may affect you, for the Act makes void all acts done by those who have not complied with the law. I submit that you prevail upon some of the eminent men in the House to bring in a Bill to explain the Act. Many will have cause to lay hold of a general clause of this kind. Pray advise the Mayor.

Sir Francis Drake will now be with you and will tell you of the discontent of your friends because you did not appear at the election at Ashburton. They attribute the loss there to you, and charge you flatly with breach of promise, and desertion of the good cause. Mr. Coplestone goes further than Sir Francis and says that you promised to send Mr. Edmund Pollexfen of Plymouth in your stead if you could not attend. Pray justify yourself for neither coming nor sending to your friends both here and in London, for I assure you there is a very loud clamour here.

### John Hungerford to the Same.

1677, May 13.—I am not enough of an astronomer to know whether the comet's tail points to England or France, nor if the eclipse shall have its effect here or in Madagascar, but I am apt to think an honest House of Commons may make fools of French comets, and English eclipses too.

I dare say people will very unwillingly part with money, unless they are assured it is to build ships to make war with France, and not to buy rich Georges and Garters.

### Dr. Edmond Hal to the Same.

1677, Jane 7. Plymouth.—If it is true that the Duke of Ormond intends to visit Oxford on his way to Ireland, I pray you to use your interest with Lord Ossory, that I may be presented. This will save me the trouble of exercise and the charge of fees, and I shall not be so much as obliged to keep an Act. I desire you to cease your endeavours to obtain a Mandamus. If I cannot proceed in my business when the Duke comes to Oxford, I will wait till I go to London.

### Colonel E. Grosvenor to the Same.

1677, August 21.—"The king is expected to day at Whitehall which I desire to see in order to Butler, who yet lives, how long I know not."

### The Same to the Same.

1677, September 15.—"Dear Sonn Treby. Your passionate memory of the dear deceased still adds to that great kindness I have had for you since my first knowledge of you."

### The Same to the Same.

1677, September 25.—"Poore Butler he is hanged at last, and I believe dyed as much a Christian as any that ever was turned off a lather, and as innocent, soe says his enemies."

### John Elwill to the Same.

1677, December 8. Exeter.—Begs for information as to the disposition of the Court, and likelihood of a French war, because this is of importance to himself and others who have property abroad and floating on the waves.

The swiftness of the French victories in Flanders, and the readiness of the English make him think a rupture may occur shortly.

MSS. of Sir W. Fitzherbert.

William Courtenay to the Same.

1677, December 10. Fowey.—Pity the miseries of the wretched people here. "Here is no claret within our rates."

[*Twenty-six lines of shorthand follow.*]

John Elwill to the Same.

1677–8, March 11. [Exeter].—The time allowed is so short that many, and especially in this city, will lose heavily. Had the date been the 31st of this month few would have complained.

"Forreigners, especially the Germans, write me despairingly of any succours from England, and will not entertaine the belief of England's hearty conjunction with the Confederates against France. If more than ordinary probability of such a war appears, a timely notice from the prospect of it would import much.

"I shall use double diligence to help Mr. Horsman in getting an indifferent jury, or to instruct some that are common and usual jurors. My uncle Rodd and I intend, God willing, to accost a ruling man in that employment, whom I hope to bend to our favour. Mr. Tremain shall be consulted with, and whatever is within the sphere of my power is assured in this service. My service to my uncle T. B."

Arthur Perryman to the Same.

1678, April 12 and 26. Hardwicke.—Two letters about a law suit.

P. Ventris to the Same.

1678, May 21. Ipswich.—Let me desire the favour of you to give me some account of next Tuesday's proceedings.

James Treby to his brother the Same.

1678, May 27. The Golden Fleece.—Has just arrived in the Downs. Hopes to see his friends very soon, if he is not pressed away. Understands that it is very hard to escape. If pressed I shall have no hope of ever seeing you more. Last Friday night, about about 9 or 10 o'clock, the Woolledge frigate and the Lark came up with us and pressed several of our men, and said they had orders to press every man except the Commander himself, and that we should not have a man left when we came to the Downs. Our men are now packing up their goods, ready to be gone.

1678, June 5.—The Sum of the Arguments on both sides of the Bar of the House of Lords upon the petition for the honour of Viscount Purbeck.

[*Sixteen foolscap pages of small MS.*]

Colonel Grosvenor to the Same.

1678, August 17.—You will receive better accounts than mine; so I will only say that men are shipping over, both horse and foot, but whom we are to affright with it I know not. Much provision has gone over and a large artillery. It is persistently affirmed that Hide is gone over (and that is true) with a project of peace signed, offensive and defensive, with the Dutch and Spaniards, and room for the Germans if they please. Andrew Marvell died yesterday of apoplexy. I rejoice in your pleasant victory at Exeter.

W. Harington to the Same.

1678, August 17.—Things are in such a chaotic state that what I write as fact one day is untrue the next. I will only speak now of two

facts. The peace of Nimeguen, and the fighting at Mons between the same parties a few days later.

The first alone was no little surprise to us as you will easily collect from the first proclamation which summoned you to meet upon the 29th instant. The Dutch were induced to make a separate peace by their great losses and poverty, and by a foolish jealousy that the Prince meant to use their forces to set himself up over them.

English troops were within 12 hours march on the day of the fight. The Duke of Monmouth posted to the Dutch army from Brussells and reached it before the fight, and appeared very active in person, to the no small regret of the French.

[*A very long letter dealing with the various aspects of affairs*] "which are very mysterious."

### HENRY HATSELL to the SAME.

1678, August 27.—Great quantities of hay have been shipped for our horse and dragoons.

I have talked with some of the Scotch who came out of France. They say that their regiment of 3000 men, and the English and Irish, were sent into Dauphine (which you know is the farthest part of France) and there the Duke of Monmouth's regiment of foot, and some of his regiment of horse, and all this Scotch regiment were disbanded, one or two companies at a time, and obliged to travel through France, receiving about a crown a-piece, some more, some less, for their expenses. All who desire it are taken into pay here. The Irish regiment chose to continue in the French service. The greatest part of the Duke of Monmouth's regiment is kept there, being dispersed among the other troops.

"The Duke of Buckingham has not been seen abroad these three weeks, which gives occasion of discourse, some saying that he is sent by the King on a private message into France, others that he keeps concealed with a miss. The Duke of Monmouth came hither on Tuesday last, and went forthwith to the King at Windsor. The Duke of Lauderdale came two days before."

At the Berkshire election where Lord Sterling had a majority of 60 over Mr. Barker, a gentleman of good estate in that county but who lives at Clerkenwell, but there will be a double return because of some dispute about votes, Mich. Mallet spoke some mad, extravagant words, viz. that the King was a rogue, which confirm the idea that he is mad. He is committed to the custody of the Black Rod.

Our soldiers in Flanders die apace, it is supposed from their intemperate eating of fruit.

### COLONEL GROSVENOR to the SAME.

1678, August 29.—Our only news is that today 49 of your members met and by commission were prorogued to the 1st of October.

### W. HARRINGTON to the SAME.

1678, September 3.—I have little of fact to communicate beyond what is told in the Gazette. But all Christendome is in expectation what will come of the negociations abroad, and I will give you my conjectures. The great question is, will the peace of Nimeguen be ratified?

I believe on the whole that it will be.

[*A very long letter discussing the above question.*]

MSS. OF SIR W. FITZHERBERT.

H. HATSELL to the SAME.

1678, September 7.—The question of peace or war still hangs in the balance. Our troops only await a fair wind to sail into Flanders. Our soldiers there are very sickly. Lord O'Brien has died of the distemper he brought thence. Mr. Offley the lawyer has been ill a long time. The Bill of Mortality was 530 the last week. The country towns for many miles about are as sickly as London, which is imputed to the unusual heat of the weather, as well as to eating fruit. Yesterday week the King dined with Sir George Jefferies at his house near Windsor, where he was treated magnificently. The Duchess of Portsmouth was there.

"Three of the four men that were tried for robbing Sir Robert Viner's daughter were found guilty, but they were reprieved. All the evidence was that they were of the company that forced her away from Sir Robert, but Mr. Wroth took her handkerchief, and when she cryed stopped her mouth with it, and that he took it out of her mouth again, and what became of it afterwards she knew not, and that she lost an amber necklace, and somewhat else of small value. And yet they were found guilty. The story of the Libber was cited. It is supposed they will not be hanged."

The SAME to the SAME.

1678, September 14.—It is expected that Parliament will meet on October 1st, and so continue.

The King and Court will be here the week after next. Lord Sunderland is sent for. It is supposed because his Majesty is displeased with him for some affair in France, or that the French King complained of bold expressions used by him to himself.

Several gentlemen lately come from France say they saw the Duke of Buckingham there, but incognito, in a dark periwig, without a star, and this is now believed.

Michael Mallet has been to beg the King's pardon, but the King said he would leave it to the law.

Endeavours are being used to get Sir William Temple chosen burgess for Southampton, in the room of Sir R. Ford, and Capt. Shales for Hull.

The soldiers quartered in the towns on the river below bridge are to be removed inland forthwith, and those or board ship are disembarked. The hay that was shipped is also landed again.

W. HARRINGTON to the SAME.

1678, September 17.—I rejoice that while so many of your House, and others, are dying in this great mortality, you are well. I think you will consult your own security by hastening to London rather than stay where you are [at Plympton]. Serjeant Hardy and Mr. Crouch, two members of your House, and Robin Offley are dead. The last is to be buried today at St. Pancras in the fields.

Reports from abroad.

"I had almost forgotten to tell you that our Turkey fleet in the return home about the straits mouth met with 20 sail of great French men of war, having only two small English frigates for their convoy. But by some strange inward suspicion Sir John Narborough thought so small a convoy would not pass them safe through the straits, and therefore came up with 7 great ships, where he found the French cruising and viewing the fleet, which was putting itself in a posture of defence. Upon his coming in several boats passed between the commanders upon

pretence only to know of what nation each were. But after some complaints the French veered off, and the fleet passed on their voyage, though it was looked on to prove like that of the Dutch Smyrne fleet, and may likewise prove the fore-runner of a war.

"Here is news I am sure will look strange to you, that Chiefe Baron Montague is like to goe off, and George Jefferies succeed in his roome. The fault objected is said to be the judgment given in the case of Cooke and Mountague. The story is too long for a letter, and my paper too much spent, and my time and strength too . . .

"My pen hasting I slipped a material passage, that the French Ambassadour by a memorial delivered in lately desires the King to withdraw his forces, for that they have noe occasion for them."

RICHARD MITCHAEL to R . . MITCHAELL at his house in Moone Lane, neare the great tree. From a poore Plymouth captive in Argeir.

1678–9, January 14.—"My dear. With my unspeakable love to thee and our poore children, and my kinde love to our parents, and to all the rest of our friends and acquaintance in generall, haveing now an oppertunity to write I would not neglect it, hopeing of your good healths, as blessed be God I am in at the present writeing. My deare to heare of your healths and welfares would administer a great deale of comfort to me in this my comfortless and destitute condition it hath pleased the Lord to cast us into, I being with many hundreds more taken by the Turkess, and brought into this place, being sold. To relate the sadness of our condition is beyond the tongue of man to express, and little or noe hopes of redemption. Oh how it would make a heart of stone to weep to see the barbarous and inhumane usage of Cristians in this place, some drawing carts like horses with irons of great weight upon their leggs, with many a blow, and some a hundred at a time upon the bare soles of their feet, with a thick rope; others carrying of durt; others digging in the vineyards, with very small allowance of bread and water. And many others more barbarous usage than I am able to sett down. The Lord bear upp our spirits if it be His blessed will, and in His due time redeem us out of the hands of those unreasonable men. There is a hundred and five English ships taken, sunk, and burnt, this war, and what will be the event of all God in his infinite wisdom knows best. If it would please the Lord to put into the king's heart, or the hearts of the country, to contrive some way for our redemption, it would be a happy thing, before the pestilence begin, which is every summer. It swept away last summer above eighteen hundred Cristians. If it were the will of God I could heartily desire to see my native country once againe, but if He have otherwise ordained it, the Lord satisfy all our spirits, and help us to live soe in this world as we may meet together with joy and comfort in the world to come is the prayer of thy faithfull and ever loving husband till death in captivity.

RICHARD MITCHAELL."

H. HATSELL to G. TREBY, at Salisbury.

1678–9, February 1.—The discourse about the invalidity of the dissolution is laid aside. It arose from a scruple of Mr. Browne, Clerk of the Parliament.

It is now taken for granted that the Parliament is well dissolved. The Speaker was not sent for, as reported.

The election for London is to be on Thursday next. Mr. F. of Spridlestone wishes to be your partner at Plympton.

MSS. OF SIR W. FITZHERBERT.

JOHN POLLEXFEN to his cousin G. TREBY.

1678–9, February 4.—About the election at Plympton.

Lord Russel stands for Bedfordshire, Mr. Montague for Northamptonshire, and Mr. Seechivrell for the town, not for the shire; Sir Nicholas Cary at Gatton; Sir Robert Paiton for Middlesex.

There is no choice yet for the City.

Yesterday a man was committed about firing the Temple, now when burnt two of the Duchess of P. servants are fled upon Netterfield's information.

Godfrey's murder will be tried on Thursday. Sir Thomas Meres meets with much opposition at Lincoln.

Sir John Narborough has returned from Algiers without making any peace, but will return thither.

Powell will be chosen at Cirencester, but Sir William Coventry endeavours much to be excused.

Lord Latimore was on his way to Yorkshire to stand for the shire, but was brought back by some intelligence which met him on the road.

Mr. Savil is to go as envoy to France.

Sir Francis Winnington has gone down to attend to his election.

The Lord Chancellor has orders to inquire what Justices of the Peace do not do their duty against Papists, that they may be put out.

There will be a Common Council to-morrow, and the election next week.

COLONEL GROSVENOR to the SAME.

1678–9, February 4.—I hear Mr. Strode will contest your seat. Pray attend to your own interests, and not labour for others.

My service to all our good claret friends.

HENRY POLLEXFEN to the SAME.

1678–9, February 7. The Temple.—My cousin Edmund Pollexfen is going down by coach to join you. I heartily hope you and he may succeed, and that this will lead to his settling in his own country.

Another informer named Needham has come in and was examined yesterday before some of the Lords, Lords Essex and Bridgwater, and taken into protection by the Duke of Monmouth.

Barry, Green, and Hill, were arraigned yesterday, and will be tried on Monday.

H. HATSELL to the SAME.

1678–9, February 8.—Mr. R. Strode, whom I met two days since, hardly denies that he means to stand for Plympton. Simon Hele avoids speaking to me.

Most of the elections so far are good.

Lords Russel and Bruce are in for Bedfordshire.

The trial of Berry, Green, and Hill, is put off until Monday.

Bedlow was accused yesterday before the King and Council of speaking scandalous words against the Duke of York. The case is put off until Wednesday. It seems that he was drunk, and his accusers, some of his guard, were not very sober.

[*It seems from the language used in this letter that Hatsell and Treby had married sisters, the daughters of Colonel Grosvenor.*]

JOHN POLLEXFEN to the SAME.

1678–9, February 11. London.—There is much discourse about the elections, which are in general good.

Sir J. Williamson has surrendered his office to Lord Sunderland, and Sir J. Coventry will surrender his it is said to Sir Lyonel Jenkins. Berry, Green, and Hills, were tried and condemned yesterday. MSS. OF SIR W. FITZHERBERT.

H. HATSELL to the SAME.

1678-9, February 15.—Lord Cavendish and Mr. Sacheverel have been elected for Derbyshire without spending a penny. Mr. Powle is in for Cirencester, and Mr. Garway for Arundel. Mr. May and Major Breman (reputed to be a great fanatick) for Chichester. The two Berties finding themselves too weak at Stamford came thence on Tuesday last, and the next day Sir Christopher Cust and Capt. Hide (two friends of Lord Exeter) were chosen.

The elections generally are good. Sir R. Peyton and Sir W. Roberts are chosen at Buckingham, which Sir R. Temple has lost. The Duke of Buckingham went himself to that town and made it his business to persuade the people not to choose Lord Latimer or Sir R. Temple.

It is not true that Berry, the porter of Somerset House, has made a confession since his condemnation, but he has sent for a Protestant clergyman, and Dr. Lloyd has been to him. But I can have no certain account of it.

Mr. Montague is chosen for Huntingdonshire. He had intended to stand also for Northamptonshire but was chosen here. Yesterday he was before the King and Council upon summons. The King told him that he understood that he was chosen a member of Parliament. That they were shortly to sit, and therefore he would say nothing to him now; hoping that they would do him right, and so discharged him of attendance.

W. HARRINGTON to the SAME.

1678-9, February 20.—We can talk of nothing but the elections. Much trouble has been taken to baffle Sir Thomas Player, but the current in his favour was too strong to be withstood, and in truth they were all chosen very clearly and without any poll demanded, save only between Sir Robert Clayton and Sir Joseph Sheldon, but the latter was prudent enough to retire. In truth the City judge they have been very kind to choose any of our aldermen, considering how the Commons have been dealt with by that court, and I am assured they have chosen the best of them.

The Westminster election began yesterday.

On our side Sir Stephen Fox and Sir W. Poulteney. On the other Sir William Waller and Sir Philip Matthews. The latter set up so late, and treated so little that most thought it imprudent. "But though at first Sir W. Waller's number seemed a cloud no bigger than a man's hand, before night it covered the whole heavens. So great is the merit of priest catching, and so little the credit of a courtier amongst the mobile. The poll began to-day and may last three days more, the electors being 25000 in number.

"The cry and number of suffrages on Sir W. Waller's side this day day was much the greatest, not without great reproaches cast upon Fox, according to the humour of the rabble, although it is thought it hath not cost him less than 1000*l.* to purchase their goodwill."

Will. Ashe and his brother are in for Heytesbury. Will. Trenchard has beaten Harry Bertie at Westbury, and both Charles and Peregrine Bertie are cast out at Stamford. Prideaux and Jack Trenchard have carried Taunton, where the contest lay between Jack and Sir William Portman. He won but by one vote.

MSS. OF SIR W. FITZHERBERT.

I only mention those who are our common acquaintances. The elections on the whole go well except as I hear among your heathen neighbours in Cornwall. I heartily congratulate you on your success at Plympton.

"Mr. Montague (I mean Ralph) being said to be gone into Northamptonshire to manage his election as was thought, was pursued with a message to appear at the Council Board. Which was accordingly sent to his father's house. But being invited into Huntingdonshire by the gentlemen there to avoid the opposition that was raised against him in Northamptonshire, and to gain time, embraced the invitation, and was chosen without trouble with one night's stay, and had this advantage thereby, to be absent when the summons came. Howbeit he had it afterwards, but being now under priviledge the stile in which it was directed was very modest, viz. to appear when he conveniently could. Which he did forthwith, and was asked why he left Paris before his orders came for his return. To which he sayed he had advice that his return was ordered, and being indebted upon the king's account 8000*l.*, and fearing an arrest, he went to meet his orders at Callis, which he did accordingly. Then he was questioned about his correspondence with the Pope's Nuncio, which he denied. And last of all was demanded the keyes of his cabinet (which it seems they had not opened, though seized you know when); but he said he remembered not then where he had hid them, and so he was dismissed with this only that he should send them when he could find them."

Several letters from Portugal say that a Spanish and French fleet were to have landed men at Milford Haven, if the Plot had taken effect, but they were dispersed in a storm. This is agreeable to Oates' information.

The sad story has just come that St. John's College Cambridge is nearly burned down, and three priests taken with fire balls.

### P. VENTRY to the SAME.

1678–9, March 11. Ipswich.—I very desirous to receive a letter from you, being much at a loss for an account of the state of things in this conjuncture, and especially to interpret the Duke's departure.

### SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL to [the SAME].

1679, March 28. "Spring Gardens.—I have now in obedience to the orders of the Lords of the [Committee] of Examinations about the Plott dated the 15th or 25th instant reviewed all those bundles that were sent from the Councill of matter arising since the first of January last. The 24 papers found at Tixal I gave you in their order Tuesday night with a general list of their contents, and last night I did extract out of certain papers sett apart and given unto you the remarks which hereafter follow. In three letters writt from one William Southall of Staffordshire of December 31st, January 25th, and February 20th, he says that Mr. Higgins who [went] by the name of Robert Palmer was taken at Highone, that he proves [a] priest and is sent to goale. That Thomas Mauloe proves a priest and sent to goale. That Francis Levison (who I suppose is brother at least to that Lewsen or Levisen who mett with Miles Prance at Bow to write the narrative of Sir Edmondsbury Godfrey's merther) was taken by Justice La . . . and sent to gaole. One Peters a Jesuit (often accused by Dugdale for the conspiracy) is there also in gaole. George Hobson (formerly a tenant to the Lord Stafford, and lately tenant to the Lord Aston and knowing of the conspiracy as is testified by Mr. Dugdale's first evidence of the 24th or 29th December and 21st of Feb.) is in the same goale. One Nor[th]

(servant to the Lord Aston, and nephew to Pickering) is in the same gaole for infamous words against his Majestie testified by Mr. Dugdale in his deposition either of the 24th or 29th of Decr. last past. There is also one Cotton, Priest to Mr. Heveningham whom Dugdale often mentions to be engaged in the conspiracy, but being 86 years of age and infirme hee remaines with a mittimus in the hands of a constable there.

"In Mr. Southall's said letter of the 20th of Feb. notice is taken of Mr. Howard of Hore-Cross, who when Southall came to his house with a warrant to search he kocked a pistol at him. That in his house there were Popish books and vestments whereof he had informed the Justices that Mr. Gerard had acknowledged and now deliver'd up according to order the deed lodged with him, by which Dugdale gave £100 towards the Plott, which is a high instance for giving credit to . . ales evidence. That in the same letter it is said that Mr. Lewson Gowre being at the sessions did observe Sir Symen Deg to give the charge more favorable concerning Papists then others, and did thereupon tell him he spoke more like a Jesuite then a Justice.

"In a deposition taken by Mr. Anchitel Grey in Derbyshire on the 22th of January, it appears, that one George Godfrey, who sometimes was called Golding and sometimes Wilford, was a Franciscan Fryar, and resorted sometimes to Howbec, is now taken and in Derby goale.

"Memorandum. That on the 24th December being the day that Miles Prance brought all his evidence to the Councill board, one Abraham Gory Granger, who then lay in Newgate for being a notorious counterfeiter of hands, he desiring to bee heard was then also brought and did informe of certain commissions unto which he had counterfeited the King's hand, and named the Lord Bellassise, one Brattle the Essay Master of the Mynt, and Mr. Fox who lived at Arundell house, to bee the promoters of this work, as will appeare by his information then taken, but what between the hurry about Prance, and the informer's ill life, there was not much notice taken of the matter, more then to remand him to Newgate, where I suppose he now lyes.

"That a letter was given in by the Bishop of London on the 7th of February, is dated the 15th January, writt in French and directed to the Lord of Bellassise. It seemes to bee writt from a Nunnery where he hath a daughter. It encourages him to persevere unto the end, and to think upon the glorys of martyrdome.

"Memorandum. That on the 15th of March Edward Lloyd swears that on the 30th of Sept. the Lord Powis with his Lady going towards London, did call at their house, and asked him, whether hee heard of the discovery of the Popish Plott. Now the Lord Powis being examined on another occasion did declare that he came not into London untill Saturday the 4th of October, and sett out from Powis Castle on Tuesday the first of October, but whether it were on Monday the 30th of Sept. or even this Tuesday tis improbable hee should know of the discovery of the Plott from the information given at the Councill Board, which came not there till Saturday the 28th September. so that [if] Lloyd deposeth true his Lordship must have heard of it by some other way [before].

"Memorandum. That among the Tixall Papers No. 9, there is a letter of the 28th December 1676 writt from the present Lord Aston to his father, which shows how great kindness the Lord Stafford professed towards them, and that they were procuring some letter of favor from his Majestie which it seems cost this Lord much hammering perhaps if such letter were seen [it would] give light to other things.

MSS. OF SIR W. FITZHERBERT.

"Also in the Tixall bundle No. 3 there is a letter signed Thomas Whitgreve without date or place, by which it appears the Lord Aston had been twice at his house, and if that letter were writt since Mr. Otes' discovery it would import very much, especially if this be the same Whitgreve who is a Justice of the Peace of whom Mr. Dugdale can give . . . t evidence of his correspondency with the Papists.

"There was found by Sir William Waller in the Savoy two letters which have in them much variety of matter about Popish buisseness. One of them is of the 28th of July 1676 from Douay wherein . . . . is mentioned. The other has no date, but was writt from Ro[me] to Stapleton President of the Benedictines and from an agent sent thither to sollicite their affaires.

"There is another letter dated the $\frac{1}{2}\frac{0}{0}$th of January last from Brussells writ from an English Priest but in Italien. It is directed to Monsr. Trevars a domestic of the Spanish Ambassador's, and in that there is another letter in Italian to the General of the Carmelites Missionarys in England. Whether this Generall be Trevars or no, or some other person, is matter of enquiry, and the rather from an account given lately by Sir William . . . . to the Duke of Ormonde, and sent over by his Grace, wherein are some things very remarkable.

"There was found in the house of Mr. Daniel Arthur but the papers left there by one Sarsfield and belonging unto him. The original commission granted on the 20th of May 1668 by the Cardinal of Dando . . then Legat a Latere in France, whereby power is granted to the Augustine Fryars (among other things) to dispense with all vows (except those of chastity and religion), and also with oathes, where there is just cause, and also in other cases and irregularitys even as the Pope could dispense with the same.

"As for the manifestations that Popery was taking growth and shaping itself into forme, and distributing into several precincts the care and management of the cause, and particular persons to preside in such precincts and to bee accountable for the same in their ecclesiastical matters, not only the blew book found in Ireland's bag, containing the names of 300 Jesuits will manifest the same, but other papers now lying in Fenwick's bag, as also the papers found at Comb in Herefordshire; and how farr they thought their matters advanced even in May 1666 will appear by the commission I gave you where Austin Hungate President of the Benedictines, impowers one Stapleton, another Benedictine, as if they were even then in hopes of all. This commission was brought in by the Earl of Essex, together with a note for £1,500 which is given to Mr. Attorney General to try if that money bee not recoverable and forfeited to his Majestie.

"If the Lords please that I should proceed to reduce the matters contained in those 20 papers of information given by Mr. Dugdale, Prance, and Needham, which I formerly put into your [hands] that is to fix things upon persons, it will not onely require a long [time] . . but it were fitt that I had all those papers at my own house, or by parcells at least, that I may with more attention consider and digest the matters contained therein, tho in truth this work would best bee performed by such as are knowing in the law."

*Endorsed* Letter read March 29, 1679.

### SIR JOHN TREVOR to the SAME.

1679, March 31. Inner Temple.—I have been ill and out of Town. If the Committee have any commands for me upon the examinations or papers delivered to you, I am now ready to obey them.

John Reepe to the Same.

1679, April 18. Plymouth.—I write because of the deep misery of many of mine, and many others' friends, and relations, which they suffer, since the memory of living man, in Turkish slavery. I wish with all my heart you may be able to find some way to assist them.

Sir Robert Southwell to the Same, in the chair of the Committee of Secresy.

1679, May 10. Spring Gardens.—In answer to your enquiry I have sought everywhere for the cover of those Tixall papers, that you might see how the seal appeared, but in vain. It was only a wrapper, without any writing within, and I threw it aside, together with the post-label sealed on to it. The seal (or to the best of my remembrance the two seals) on it did not appear to have been abused. I could not suspect that any paper was missing, because no schedule was sent me with them, or any intimation (that I remember) that there was so considerable a paper within. This I presume you will see in the letter from Mr. Lane, and Mr. Congreve, which was also in the same wrapper, and dated about the 24th of January last, which you have in your hands.

"The packet was brought me by a post boy at 10 o'clock at night on the 25th of January, as I was among my papers about the Plott. And it being directed to myself, and Mr. Lane's name on the outside, I presently concluded the wallet had been found. But when I opened the packett, which presently I did (as in duty bound, knowing that speed might have been required in things of that nature) I run over all the papers, so as to see there was nothing that answered my expectation. And as soon as the Lords of the Commission of the Council met, I laid all before them truly and faithfully. And I do upon my salvation declare that I never had or saw any other letter of my Lord Stafford's, than that which is now in your hands, and therefore it hath laid a great weight on my spirits now for these five weeks past, that no report has yet been admitted from me, pursuant to the vote which is upon the books, viz. that I should seek and enquire for some other letter of my Lord Stafford's, which God Almighty knows, I never saw in my life."

I beseech you let me have justice, and let the Committee report to the House that I have faithfully delivered up all the papers I received from Tixal.

Henry Treby to his brother the Same.

1679, May 26. Wrington.—If Lord Peters is found guilty and his estate forfeited, and it be given to any person you know, or can make interest with, I desire you will endeavour to get me the office of collecting the rents of the manor of Brent, it being near me.

J. Horseman to the Same.

1679, May 27. Plympton.—I have acquainted Mr. Reepe with your answer to his letter about the captives in Algiers, and Merrifield, and others also. They are very thankful to you for your readiness to assist them if opportunity offers. Old Richard Clarke's youngest son Thomas is a captive, and his widowed mother is too poor to help to redeem him.

We all in the country are in great expectation to hear of the Lords' trials, the more that they have been so often put off.

A great part of Honiton was burnt last week, on both sides of the street.

MSS. OF SIR W. FITZHERBERT.

SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL to the SAME.

1679, May 31. Council Chamber.—"The Lords of the Committee of Examinations are now sitting, and would be glad presently to speak with you."

JOHN RUSHWORTH to the SAME.

1679, July 11.—"I am loath to send to you for the Earle of Strafford's trial before you have done with it, but that at the present I must take something out of it, to corroborate some passages in my second part, which I intend shortly for the presse. Be pleased to send it by the bearer."

J. RICHARDSON to the SAME.

1679, August 9.—The Council has adjourned to the first Wednesday in October.

Mr. Jennyson was examined the day they adjourned, which was the day you left town, and has made a fuller discovery of the Plot it is said.

Some of the elections are over. At Amersham, Algernon Sydney is chosen and Sir Roger Hill; at Wendover, Mr. Hampden and Backwell; at Queenborough, Lord Dunblaine and Mr. Herbert. In Essex they elect on Tuesday next, and in Surrey Lord Longford desists for this time.

Mr. Starkey has accidentally blown his thumb off.

——— to his cousin THOMAS LITTLETON.

1679, August 14. Worcester.—This being the last place on the circuit I will tell you about it. The number of causes have been few, but of signal importance. At Gloucester one Hanslip was arraigned as a Popish priest. At his trial (which I saw) great numbers of vestments, crucifixes, B . . . ., altar-stones, mass books, pictures, and such like trumpery, were brought into court, and upon these and other very strong evidence he was convicted, but is reprieved by some private order. But the thing chiefly remarkable in his trial was the notorious equivocation, or rather perjury, of some Popish witnesses that were often present at Mass with him, and had been seen so, and had confessed it to some Protestant witnesses present in court, yet they did utterly deny everything, having first equivocated as long as they could. Three others were indicted for seditious words spoken a little before the discovery of the Plot. One for saying that before Christmas there would be another King. Another that there would suddenly be such a blow in England as it had not felt for a long time. The third that the Papists will be uppermost once again, and will suddenly have their chapels, and other churches, and church lands again. And other words concerning Popery. The two first were found guilty, but the third escaped, there being only one witness against him.

A Mr. Arnold and a Mr. Price have been very active in those parts, and found when Lewis was arrested a vast quantity of Popish trinkets.

Under an Order in Council they had all been burnt, and could not therefore be produced at the trial. He was convicted upon the evidence of many witnesses, but reprieved. "He wears a great periwig, and I am confident I have seen him often in Farr's Coffee-House, and elsewhere."

A woman swore against him that she had paid him about 10*l.* to get her father's soul out of purgatory. "To which he said that he called God to witness that he never had a grant of her. No, said she, for I paid you in good shillings and halfcrowns. To which I observed he did

not answer a word . . . But the thing most observable was the return of the Grand Jury, out of which Mr. Arnold did challenge 8 or 10, and did prove them to be suspected Papists, or that their wives, or near kindred, were Papists. And the Petty Jury, though returned over by accident, yet had many challenged out of it upon the like account, that you may see how this pest hath spread itself in Monmouthshire." At Hereford one Kemble was convicted of being a priest, but reprieved. Father Harcourt would have been convicted upon the examinations of 3 Popish witnesses, taken before Justice Manwaring, had they not impudently denied at the trial all that they had before sworn and subscribed to.

The trial of several priests at Stafford was put off on account of the absence of Dugdale in London.

A zealous Papist there was convicted and sentenced to the pillory for saying that Parliament never did good to King or kingdom, and that it will never be well in England until the King rule without a Parliament, as the King of France does.

It is much to be noted that all these things appear in the first circuit after the discovery of the Plot.

A law ought to be made to disable Papists from being witnesses, at least in any case between a Papist and a Protestant.

### JOHN POLLEXFEN to the SAME.

1679, August 19. London.—Opposition to you at Plympton does not seem very probable. I have written to Cousin Hum. to keep possession of the meaner sort of electors by some expenditure in good ale.

Most of the elections within 60 miles are over. Most C, though at Windsor such are not like to get in.

"The Duke's daughter, Lady Anne, will go to-morrow for Brussels, and the deep politicians of the Coffee House would suppose she would be married to the Dolphin of France, and that Cleveland hath been the marriage maker. The Lord Chief Justice is much censured by all.

"Sir Nathaniel Herne is dead, so cousin Ryder may have a fair berth at Dartmouth."

### WILLIAM HARRINGTON to the SAME.

1679, August 19.—The most remarkable thing about the elections is the success of Colonel Sydney at Amersham where he was brought in by the activity of two or three persons, though he was wholly unknown there, and he defeated Sir William Drake, an inhabitant and lord of the place. Sir Roger Hill is returned with him.

The next most observeable thing is the Essex election. Here Sir Elias Hervey was persuaded to decline joining Colonel Mildmay, his former associate, and take in Sir Thomas Middleton.

They appeared in the field on Tuesday, supported by the Duke of Albemarle and most of the principle gentry. They were opposed by Colonel Mildmay who, upon the refusal of Sir E. Mildmay the night before to join with him, had taken in a young Mr. Honeywood (candidate at the last election for Malden). Lord Gray of Warke managed the country very briskly for them, and the two parties nearly came to blows. Sir E. Mildmay's party, though not a tenth in number when drawn up in the field of their opponents, called for a poll. But after dragging it on until noon on Friday they then retired on finding that they were in a hopeless minority.

Sir E. Mildmay must now go to little Old Sarum. He will hardly recover the good reputation he formerly had in that country. Sir

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Richard Temple and Lord Latimer are returned for Buckingham. Sir Richard had the majority clear, but Lord Latimer had but six voices, and Sir Peter Tyrell as many, so as they say that Sir Peter had this reason to contest it, for that in the judgment of Parliament, Lord Latimer being returned by one of the six, the vote of him that returned him will be cast out, and his number reduced to five. Howbeit there is apparent reason for a new choice.

Hertfordshire has been at a loss, being resolved against Titus one of their late members for his ill behaviour in the matter of the D[uke]. Titus means to try for Huntingdonshire, where Price retires. Kit Vane had rather stay with his wife in Kent than travel to Durham.

I must not omit an answer of a countryman to a great man, during the Essex election, who told him he had better be at home looking after his harvest. He retorted he had rather trust God with his crop, than the devil with the choice of Parliament men. Others saying they would venture their corn to save their land. That county too which set so good an example in their choice of knights, did not put them to the expense of a penny. Several declaring at the time of the poll that they would sell their horses, or their corn, rather than be wearied out by their adversaries. But the two competitors did bear the charge of their men. Other counties are likely to follow the example of these who should no longer be called Essex calves, but worthies.

Now I have given you a hopeful account of a resolved people and a good Parliament "Good Mr. Speaker." They threw a dead dog into Chief Justice Scroggs' coach at Gloucester where Bedlow had been holding forth.

[*A long letter full of election reports.*]

### GEORGE BRADBURY to the SAME.

1679, August 22.—I was at the Election at East Grinstead. Mr. Goodwin Wharton and Mr. Jephson are chosen. Mr. Powle who also stood is chosen at Cirencester. It is thought he meant to keep Grinstead for Sir Thomas Littleton, who it is now likely will not get into this Parliament. To make him some amends Lady Lyttleton has £6000 as next of kin, though very remote, to a Mr. Lewis of Sussex.

The greatest election tumults were those in Essex where the Duke of Albemarle received many affronts. The poll there lasted five days. "At Windsor, where the election is not yet passed, they cuff and cudgel one another every day, and there is so much hollowing that they disturb the King's fishing, with Winwood and Starkey against Cary and Powney."

Lord Barkley of Barkley is to be an earl.

I tell you little private stories for want of public ones.

### THE SAME to the SAME.

1679, August 26.—Congratulations on his election.

Details of an attack of illness the King had been suffering from. It came on on his return from hawking at Lady Portsmouth's.

The doctors call it an intermitting tertian.

Bulletins are sent twice a day to the Lord Mayor.

Beds are being prepared at Whitehall, as if the King and Queen would come there to-morrow.

### JOHN RICHARDSON to the SAME.

1679, September 2.—The King is well again. He now talks of coming from Windsor to-morrow fortnight.

The Duke of York went to see him this morning, from St. James'.

W. Harrington to the Same.

1678, September 2.—The Duke came in haste to London last night, where few knew of his arrival, being Monday about 11 o'clock, and went in haste to Windsor this morning. This, added to the King's illness, caused much surmising.

These two great accidents may give you vigour in seeking for those great things which were the subject of your debates when you were last assembled.

Hampshire, following the example and zeal of some others, has thought fit to put up Lord Russel, though at a great distance and knowing nothing of the matter, against Mr. Noell, their Lord Lieutenant. Accordingly he and Sir Francis Rolls were chosen by a great majority. The countrymen also declared that the election should not cost their knights a penny, though the poll should be kept open a month.

Honest Tom Haselrige is dead, and is to be carried to-day into Leicestershire for burial.

The Portsmouth voyage has been the death of several of those who accompanied the King, and it is believed had some part in the King's illness, which was serious.

H. Hatsell to the Same, at Plympton.

1679, September 6.—The Duke of York posted from Harwich attended by Colonel Churchill. It is said that he was sent for by the advice of some of the Privy Councellors, but the Gazette says he came unexpectedly. Most of the great persons about the Court have waited on him, and kissed his hand. But he refused that honour to Sir Thomas Armstrong, being offended (as it is supposed) at some words he spoke a few weeks since in favour of the Duke of Monmouth's legitimacy.

The King is weak but can take walks in the park.

The Town swarms with pamphlets. Two or three appear every day.

It is uncertain if the Duke will return to Flanders at all.

Titus Oates to The Same.

1679, October 25.—"I pray you to take notice that Thomas Knox hath petitioned the King to order him those papers, which the King hath not granted, but ordered his Councell to have them of you, which if you deliver them I suppose it may tend to help their memories, they haveing as I understand forgotten what they did contrive against mee. Sir I hope you will not deliver them if by any meanes you can keep them by law, for you received them not of the Counceil but of the Committee of Lords."

Tit Otes."

J. Ellwell to the Same.

1679, October 27. Exeter.—The late prorogation is the cause of much talk. It is thought another may spring from the same root. It is thought that the same motive will operate in January as well as in October.

Many of your friends are in despair, expecting nothing short of ruin for the nation if destitute of Parliament.

Many would wish a petition to be presented first from London, and then from all the counties, that Parliament may sit in January and continue sitting until some terms are made about the King's person, and the Protestant religion. All agree that London should lead the dance.

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None however will put this in practice unless it is approved of by you and Mr. Pollexfen.

"Let all alone awhile saith this person, till the two Dukes jangle, &c. I find only one thus thinking, which I thought fit to communicate to you."

*On a blank side there is a great seal of shorthand.*

DR. N. CARY to SIR G. TREBY, at his house in Fleet Street.

1679–80, January 22.—I congratulate your honour, and do not agree with some that you are to be the less esteemed.

H. HATSELL to the SAME, at Launceston.

1679–80, March 13.—Our only news is that Sir George Jefferies is to be Chief Justice of Chester, and to continue Recorder. Sir Job Charlton is to be a Judge in Westminster Hall, if he will accept it.

JOHN TRENCHARD to the SAME.

1680, August 2. Taunton.—Desiring him to defend Mr. John Freine, an acquaintance of his at Taunton, in a suit brought against him by Sir John Cutler for words spoken at the late election here.

He will wait upon you as you pass through this town on your way to Wells.

The greater part of the counsel are engaged on the other side.

H. HATSELL to the SAME.

1680, September 4.—The contents of Bedloe's affidavit are not yet publicly know. Bedloe's wife was present in the Chamber when the affidavit was made, and desired a copy, but it was refused her.

On his return from Bristol he waited on the King at Windsor, and on Wednesday the 25th following. A copy of the affidavit or a part of it was read before the Council at Whitehall. On Sunday following the Council sat at Windsor, were was a great debate.

It is generally believed the Parliament will sit a very little while, however it will be convenient that the members attend.

Giles has a long time well recovered of the bruises he received when he stood in the pillory. He was to have stood again last week, but it was countermanded from Windsor. On Wednesday last another order was made at the Sessions for his standing to-day at Gray's Inn Gate, which he did accordingly.

Mrs. Cellier was committed about a month since for printing her narrative, and one sheet of it was taken in the press. But she was bailed, and the whole is since printed, consisting of about twelve sheets, which she openly sells at her own house. The chief design of it is to justify herself and blacken Dangerfield. That the Popish Plot is a fraud. She abuses Oates and Bedlow, and says that the papers were laid at Colonel Mansell's lodgings by contrivance between him and Dangerfield. There are reflections upon Lord Shaftesbury and the Duke of Buckingham. And the King is abused for she says the St. Omer youths came over here by his command.

There are many impudent lies in it, and it seems to be written to defy justice.

J. POLLEXFEN to the SAME, at Plympton.

1680, September 7. London.—There is nothing worth reporting.

It is said the Duke has made an offer to the King of retiring from Court and from all business.

Mrs. Cellier's narrative, which most think is a great libel on the Government, is openly sold in the streets. It is probably the work of a cabal of Papists, but the news of the Duke of Monmouth's reception in your parts balances it.

The Same to the Same.

1680, September 7. London.—The King is expected at Whitehall to-night on his way to Newmarket on Thursday, where he will stay about three weeks or a month.

An express from Tangier says that an attack is preparing.

The Same to the Same.

1680, September 14. London.—Mrs. Cellier is at last arrested, and is to lie in prison until she pays 1000*l.*, then to give surety for good behaviour, and to stand in the pillory.

There is no appearance that the scheme of things will be changed.

Essex and Radnor have thoughts of desiring to be excused from attendance in the C.

The Chancery gentlemen are still very dilatory about the captives money.

H. Hatsell to the Same.

1680, September 18.—There is little news.

Mrs. Cellier stood on the pillory at the Maypole today. She was much pelted but not hurt. There was a guard of above 400 men. It is said she had an headpiece and armour as Giles had.

The Duke of Monmouth went five days since to Lord Lovelace's. Lord Shaftesbury who came to town a week since has a tertian ague.

J. Pollexfen to the Same.

1680, September 18.—Marshal Bellesfond has arrived from France and has gone to Newmarket. He is the man who was here to concert affairs in 1671.

It is computed the above two millions have been already spent about Tangiers, and that it will require 900,000*l.* more to finish the fortifications.

Philo Treby to the Same.

1680, November 2.—I humbly tender my advice in the present conjuncture viz. Tacking the revenue of the Crown to the Laws established for Religion.

The plan seems very simple and easy.

Heads of a Paper of Advice from Friends in the Country to G. Treby, M.P. [*No names.*]

1680, November 2.—

1. If the House is dissolved or prorogued this month send forth a remonstrance to the whole nation.
2. Pass no bill sent down by the House of Lords which the Court desires, until the Succession and the Protestant religion are secured.
3. Pass a bill to exclude the Bishops' votes, as they show themselves enemies to the Commons.
4. Let the House of Commons hold a strict correspondency with the City.
5. Endeavour to secure good Protestant officers for the Militia.

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JAMES CARTER to the SAME, at Mr. Starkey's, bookseller, within Temple Bar.

1680, December 13. Penrhyn.—"The last post brought the news of your being sworn Recorder. It was generally satisfactory here, but especially to me who have ever prophecied for you great eminency, and bid you prepare for the highest offices. Nor am I more pleased with your advancement, than with the manner of it, which was not by dull climax in Common Law road, but at once, per saltum."

Compares him to Elijah. Begs for a letter before he becomes too big a man for "poore Jim's" acquaintance.

1680, December 20. Warrant for the apprehension of John Marshall, ate servant to Thomas Bowyer of Luntlow in Hereford.

[*Signed.*] W. WILLIAMS, Speaker.

H. TREBY to the SAME.

1680–1, January 9.—Some merchant law questions.

It is reported here that the King is afraid any longer to trust the rebellious city of London, and that he has removed all his soldiers from quartering in it, and also from the factious town of Plymouth. We are told that 500 soldiers and a troop of horse are to be sent to subdue it.

[LORD CHIEF JUSTICE] FRANCIS NORTH to SIR GEORGE TREBY, Recorder of London.

1681, April 8.—"I had intimation from my Lord Mayor and yourself that you desired the assistance of me and my Brethren the Judges that are in town to-morrow, the afternoon, at the Old Bayly, concerning the removing an Indictment of Recusancy preferred against the Duke of Yorke. I shall attend you at 3 o'clock being the time appointed. This is to let you know I think it will be convenient to have Mr. Attorney Generall present, if he will be there, or Mr. Sollicitor Generall, if you concurre with me, I suppose you or my Lord Mayor will send to desire them to be present."

*There are about* 14 *lines of shorthand at the foot of the page.*

SIR ROBERT SAWYER to the SAME.

1681, May 21.—I thank you for your remarks. It was done in haste, and ought to have been for high treason for compassing the death and deposing of the King but uttering and publishing &c.

Pray let Sir W. Turner amend the commitment.

The SAME to the SAME.

1681, May 21.—I have answered to the Old Bailey that I find cause to charge Samuel Harris with high treason, and have given direction to Sir W. Turner accordingly.

SIR JOHN BERRY to the SAME.

1681, October 19. Mile End Green.—The unexpected verdict of the jury in the case of Mr. Wynell and King surprises me very much, as I hear it did most that were on the bench. And I believe you, with all your experience of proof of so much provocation, have hardly met with so severe a verdict. No man could forbear drawing his sword having been cudgelled as he was, much less in the disorder he was in at that time.

I doubt that unhappy circumstance of his drinking the Duke of York's health irritated the jury.

I pray you make such a representation to the King on Wynell's behalf as may facilitate an appliction for his transportation, or at least reprieve.

*Many shorthand notes.*

### SAMUEL CARTER to the SAME.

1682–3, January 1.—There is an action against me. I will tell you the truth. About a year ago an attorney of this place gave me ill language in a tavern and I boxed his ears. The quarrel was made up. But again about a month since the very same man in the very same place gave me much the same vile language, and to the best of my remembrance I gave him much such another box on the ear, to which he answered with a bottle which he threw at me. I replied with candlesticks, which slightly bruised his head. Pray advise me.

### WILLIAM LEWIS to the SAME.

1682, December 20 and 30. The Gatehouse.—Has been nine weeks in prison, and cannot get his trial or be allowed bail. Begs for aid and advice.

### JAMES CARDROW to the SAME.

1684, December 22.—An ingot of gold had been more proper for me to present you with, though to a new married man a gad of steel may for the present be more serviceable.

### TITUS OATES to the SAME.

1684-5, January 30.—"I must pray you to consider of what letters you have of Mr. Coleman's, to the end that I may make use of them att my tryall. I must interest you to show mee what favour you can. It is my right to be preserved by all and every of those whom I have faithfully served. I have no more but assure you I am your affectionate ff. and servant

TITUS OTES."

### The SAME to the SAME.

1684-5, February 3.—"I humbly beseech you to appear for me, Mr. Tempest will attend you with a breviat of my cause, which I beseech you to accept; if there bee any of Mr. Coleman's letters I must begg the favour to lett us have the use of them. I am certain noe man hath a better cause then I, but I expect to bee run downe.

TITUS OTES."

*There are sixteen lines of shorthand at the foot of the page amongst which are the names* "Tempest, Feb. 4; Wallop;" *and one or two dates; and a few lines more in the margin where the words occur:—*

"May 5, 1685, o. Subpœnad. Polln. Wm. Williams and Mr. Tonson."

### JOHN POLLEXFEN to the SAME.

1685, June 6.—Croydon. I thank you for your letter, but I could not go up to put in a petition in so short a time. The Mayor of P. was returned by his deputy and not by himself as the Mayor of Thetford. In some cases there may be as much difference between a Mayor and his deputy, as between a Lord Mayor's horse and a Lord Mayor.

I shall not be in town until after the holidays.

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RALPH GRAINGE to the SAME.

1685, June 7.—Your petition to the House of Commons was read on Thursday morning and referred to the Committee of Privileges.

As I was going about it to Westminster I met Mr. Ash, who undertook it, but he put it upon his brother, who did it so well that Mr. Curoway recommends him. I first as you desired informed Mr. Henry Pollexfen. He would not give any advice but sent me to his brother, and he sent me the enclosed.

CHARLES FORTESCUE to the SAME.

1686, August 3. Plymouth.—A business letter describing a property worth more than 400*l.* a year on sale in that neighbourhood.

GEORGE SPRY to the SAME.

1688, December 24. Place.—I hear that the Prince has been as well received in the city as he was by the county gentlemen where he first landed.

"Our country, though it did not express theyre zeale soe farr as it might by attending his person, yett it hath soe much favoured his designe that it was the first in England that unanimously associated and addressed, which I suppose will be generally followed, soe that we need not feare the coming in of popery to this kingdome for the future."

*Some shorthand notes.*

ANONYMOUS to the SAME.

1688-9, March 18.—If steps are not taken to stop some of the preaching in the country, and compel the ministers to pray for the King and Queen, and take the oath of allegiance, people may very possibly be led into a rebellion. This comes out of Somersetshire. No longer since than this day week there was at Broomfield near Bridgwater at Mr. Hellyer the minister's house a meeting of twelve of the neighbouring ministers. Of those twelve only one had publickly prayed for the King and Queen. The business of nine of these gentlemen was to play upon and bait the honestest amongst them. Mr. Hellyar and Mr. Anthony Clarke of Enmore and Charlinch, and others, declared that they would never obey the Bishop's orders to pray for the King and Queen, and only yesterday many of them prayed in the churches for the Prince of Wales. Mr. Thomas Jenkins who serves Durston and North Newton, says he will die before he takes the oath. At the said meeting those present did also declare that the present Parliament is no Parliament. Mr. Hart of Taunton is the chief promoter of this faction, and the ministers take their line from him.

WILLIAM PAWLETT, Recorder of Bristol, to SIR G. TREBY, Attorney General.

1689, September 5.—The goal delivery at Bristol is finished and three are condemned to die. One for sheep stealing, the second for felony without benefit of clergy, for personating a landed man, and the third for procuring the second to do so. The two first are notorious rogues and cattle stealers, and the Mayor and Aldermen tell me that the whole country will cry out if they be not hanged. But the third is only 24 years of age and it might be best to transport him.

"That which occasions you this trouble is to know whether it is best to hang the two first or not, because here is a discourse that the judges have hanged very few in their circuits but murders and for rape.

"What power have judges to transport those who are convict of small felonies though not clergyable. Here are two boys, the eldest not twelve, convicted for taking a purse clam et secrete with 40*d.* in it, whom I reprieved before judgment, because so young, upon their friends' petition to transport them."

JONATHAN, BISHOP OF EXETER to the SAME.

1689–90, January 14. Trelawney.—I thank you for your letter in which you communicate to me the opinion of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury of my right to a moiety of the treasure taken out of the sea by Mr. Ford. When I waited on Lord Godolphin he did not seem to think there was so much hast, but believed it would keep cold till I came again. I have sent my patent, under which I claim, to the Treasury. I am not well enough to come to town.

*Signed* J. EXON.

JAMES VERNON to the SAME.

1689–90, February 14.—"My Lord Shrewsbury going out of town, gave me directions to send to you to know what is done in the non prosequi against the Jews which his Lordship the Earl of Monmouth and Mr. Hampden had his Majesty's orders to speak to you about . . . . The reason of this enquiry is in order to give notice to my Lord Mayor, for without satisfying the Jews in this particular, what my Lord Mayor has been negociating with them will have no effect."

*A few words in shorthand, and* "£30000."

— COURTENAY to the SAME.

1690, June. L . . ham.—Certain Jacobites hereabouts swagger and cluster against our present happy settlement, vaunting that they hope shortly to see some of their neighbouring Williamites, whom they name, safe enough. They defied a good Protestant parson who was in their company to inform against them if he dared; and they and a neighbouring Justice of the Peace can be proved to have drunk to King James's health.

[*Endorsed,*] "Cousin Croker."

DR. JOHN TILLOTSON to the SAME.

1690, July 3, Edmonton.—I beg to introduce the bearer Mr. Hook, son of a worthy man Dr. Hook, who was vicar of Halifax where I was born. He is not personally known to me, but I recommend him on the credit of his testimonials.

J. E. to the SAME.

1690, July 21.—I am but one and know not how to get any joined with me to do zealously what is fit to be done.

Things are very loose in the country, only the Hand that works miracles saves us.

The Test is the bulwark of the three kingdoms. Money is the sinew of war. Can they be well affected who tell people that the late poll was never intended to raise more than half what the former did?

"If the pulpits uttered nothing of state matters the people, who notwithstanding are pretty hearty to the Government, would amend and reform. All good men desire good Sheriffs the year ensuing.

"I gave the Under Sheriff a guinea on Saturday last, who returnes thanks. It is 21 shillings more than he deserved. Though by this his foul mouth will be stopt, who thought Mr. Tozer promised and was

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bound, which may contribute to it. Risdon Esq., a Papist near Totness, L. Gallick an attorney, and five or six more notorious Jacobites, are secured by the Deputy Lieutenant's warrant. Others may be seized in a few days, as John Bere, &c.

"I intend to visit the maritime parishes on our river, and persuade seamen to list themselves in the fleet. Some one captain of the neighbourhood would draw many."

J. Ev . . to the SAME.

1690, July 23. Exeter.—"On Sunday evening the F[rench] F[leet]. consisting of 115 sail of great and small ships, appeared before this port, and doe still remain there, except 14 galleys, who are gone into Torbay. These drew the last night very close to the shoar, but retired on seeing some beacons on fire. All the militia of the county of Devon is raised, and warrants issued out this day for the posse, all directing their course to Torbay. Never was there known more unanimity and resolution than appears in the people to hasten to hinder their landing, which hitherto hath not been attempted, neither doth it seem very probable they they will.

"If a landing were designed, a far greater number of ships would appear, fit for the transport of horses, artillery, &c.

"The reason why the fleet stays here may be the strong west wind, which is in their face, if they intend for Brest or Ireland, and noe place more favourable than Torbay, and the bay from thence to Portland, where their ships may safely ride at anchor. The only danger that might touch them is from fire-ships, of which I think they have not the least apprehension.

"Here is a report that Col. Godfrey's regiment of horse, with two Dutch, are coming westward. It were to be wished they appeared here as soon as may be, to animate aud range in order vast numbers of volunteers that would join them. If any passages of moment occur they shall be transmitted you."

[The SAME] to the SAME.

1690, July 28. Exeter.—"On Saturday last the French gallys approached Tingmouth, and fired many great shot towards the shoar, which frighted all people in and about the place, and made them fly into the country. Their small boats then landed about 300 men without any opposition, who burnt two small fishing towns, East and West Teignmouth, and all the ships and boats in the harbour, one or two only excepted, which they could not well reach. They rifled the houses before they set them on fire. They broke down all the seats of the Church, tore in parts the Bible and Book of Common Prayer, carrying away the Chalice. They found one man, whom they killed, saying to him, What you English dog, you will have a new King, as he told the person that took him up before he died.

"This done they retired to their small boats which carryed them off to their galleys, and they to the fleet lying before Torbay, where they abide, to the unspeakable shame of this nation.

"Our militia is in arms, and the posse raised. Great cheerfulness appears in the country to do their utmost to hinder the descent of the enemy. Sir Wy, Sir J. D., with many volunteers, are in the places of danger to signalize their zeal for their Majesties, and publick safety of the country.

"We want extreamely a number of good officers to discipline the raw countrymen, of whose faithfulness to the Government we have full assurance. You may doe great service to the kingdome by setting

forward some brave horse commander to visit these parts as soon as may be. It's not very safe to give the reasons of this suggestion." MSS. of Sir W. Fitzherbert.

*Six lines of shorthand follow.*

Gilbert [Burnet] Bishop of Salisbury to [the Same].

1691, April 6. Salisbury.—One Dr. Beach who has a living within six miles of Salisbury, not only has not taken the oaths, but did with a high hand ride about the country and dispute against the taking of them. He obeyed his suspension, but when the six months were out he returned to his pulpit. He names no King nor Queen in his prayers, and reads the collect for the King, without a name. He observes no fast days, and in some visits to the sick, he denounces damnation to all that are for this government. When one of his parish pressed him to pray for the King and Queen, and to consider that God had raised them to the throne, he answered No, he that raised them to the throne was he that carried Christ to the pinnacle of the Temple.

He has used me rudely and boisterously. He is set on by some in London who found him a man of a rugged and fierce temper.

"The Bishop of Bath and Wells came and lay at his house a few days before he began to preach again, but how farre he wrought on him is that which I cannot affirm. I gave Institution to one who was presented to his living six months ago, but he has not been able to procure himselfe to be inducted, the church door having been always kept shut against him."

There is reason to think that the Under Sheriff has an understanding with him.

"The Dr. was in the church in his formalities, but no resistance being made no induction could be had, for the Dr. would not goe out of the Church, and the Sheriffe pretended, and had under the hand of counsell from London, that he could not force him to goe out."

Would it not be well that the Dr. should be brought before the Council as one who is notoriously disaffected? The Chancellor of the diocese, Dr. Woodward, is now in London, and I have desired him to wait upon you.

As to this man he is a pest in the country, and is likely to wear out the clerk who is presented to his Living.

John Pulteney to the Same.

1691, April 10. Whitehall.—Lord Sydney has repeated his commands to me to send to you for the two warrants for Mr. Parson's pardon, which I spoke to you about yesterday in the lobby of the Council Chamber.

John Forster, Clerk of the Peace for Staffordshire, to the Same.

1691, April 29. Stafford.—In the name of the gentlemen of the county to ask for directions as to the method of proceeding against the Roman Catholics.

Lord Sydney to the Same.

1691, April 29. Whitehall.—The King's pleasure is that Major Robert Parsons, who is accused of killing —— Wade, Esq., be tried at the King's Bench Bar.

Lord Nottingham to the Same.

1691, "J. 11." Whitehall.—Mr. Justice Ayre has admitted to bail Abel Dennys of Newcastle though he is charged with high treason, in corresponding with and aiding the King's enemies, and especially by aiding them with such things as they need for their fleet.

"I do not know that he has that authority out of the King's Bench, or how he comes to use it in showing any favour that may be denied to such enemies of the Government. I pray you let me know the state of this matter, for I believe the utmost severity of the law will be expected against such offenders, which are very numerous and hitherto, I know not how, have escaped."

Ralph Grainge to the Same, at Tunbridge Wells.

1691, July 31.—"This afternoon Mr. Sollicitor sent to me about the examinations of Lord Preston and Crewe (?) being wanted, and desired to know if wee could come to your study for them. I took the keys of your chamber study, and mett Mr. Sollicitor at your chamber, who told me that the Lord Preston refused to be a witness, and hee being now in London it is resolved to have him bound over by some Judges, to appear and give evidence the next sessions, and in order hereunto they want his examination to produce to the Judge, and my Lord Nottingham spoke to Mr. Sollicitor this day at a Cabinet Counsell (which was as I understand about this) to enquire if any related to you could come at it, which was the reason of his sending to me, and we both went into your study together, and there found them upon a shelf. But we considered that it might not be prudent to produce them until you were acquainted with it, and gave directions, not knowing what ill use they might make of it that such things of secrecy might be come at by others in your absence; and therefore we laid them in the same place we found them, and hee hath given notice to Lord Nottingham that they cannot be come at, soe that you will have a letter this post from the Secretary. And I thinke if you write to him to order some to come to me, with directions to look for the key of your study at your chamber in your study at home, and to goe along with the messenger and open your study at your chamber, and to deliver the papers concerning Preston and Crewe (?) bound up and lying on a shelf over against your deske, this will bee (as seemes to me) without suspicion. But I beg your pardon for taking upon me to advise you . . . . . .

"This morning a waggon was seized at Southwark, that came from Dover, upon information that it contained French goods, and the goods being unloaded, at the bottom of the waggon, in an old coat, was found a great pacquett of letters, which Aaron Smith tells me was carried to the Custom house, and one of the letters being there opened, they say it contained the carrying on Preston's plott still, and directions for a rising, and the manner, and time. They at the Custom house were surprised at it, and sealed up the letter, and immediately sent up the whole pacquett to the Secretary. Mr. Sollecitor says that there was abundance of letters, and that half of them were not looked into when he came from Whitehall, nor knowes not what was in those that had been perused."

1691, August 12.—A certificate signed Anthony Bowyer that Nathaniel Lane of Croydon, mercer, constable, had been very diligent in apprehending and prosecuting disaffected persons, with danger to his life.

Followed by another signed by C. Whitelocke certifying that Fane is maliciously prosecuted in return for his good conduct in then King's service.

Lord Somers to the Attorney-General at Tunbridge Wells.

1691, August 22.—There is nothing of any importance to communicate. You could never have been out of Town when you would be less called upon on business.

You at Tunbridge Wells are engaged I know in making us news for the winter.

SIR JOHN MOORE to the SAME.

1691, October 28.—Understanding from the Sword Bearer that you intend to honour the Lord Mayor with your company if you could be accommodated with furniture for your horse, I send you the best I have, desiring your acceptance of it.

JOHN COMBES to the SAME.

1691, November 26.—Thanking him for his favourable introduction to the late Lord Chief Justice Pollexfen, and his encouragement to come out more into the world.

The wind has hitherto sat in my face and I believe will ever do so unless you are pleased to change the point.

The EARL OF MARLBOROUGH to [the SAME].

1691, November.—A request that he would order a *nolle prosequi* to be entered in the case of one Edwin Broxup who having served in the Guards for 26 years, and nothing to subsist upon but an allowance from the writer, was now prosecuted by the beadle of his parish of St. James' for not finding a watchman.

LORD NOTTINGHAM to the SAME.

1691–2, February 15. Whitehall.—Enclosed are the papers I mentioned to you this morning which I desire you to consider and return to me with your remarks and amendments of the clause in such manner as will answer objections, as soon as you conveniently can. "I am likewise to desire you to consider the clause in the East India Company's charter, whereby the King has power to determine it in three years, because the Committee of Council will ask you some questions about it, and does desire you and Mr. Sollicitor to be at my office a Wednesday at 6 o'clock in the evening."

The SAME to the SAME.

1691–2, February 25. Whitehall.—"I desire you and Mr. Sollicitor will at the end of the Council be at my office at 7 o'clock on Monday, and meanwhile to consider whether the King can incorporate *a new East India Company*, with liberty to trade, during the three years that the old company must subsist, concurrently with the old one.

"I desire you will send me to-morrow before noon the heads of *those Bills which Sir Richard Reynell*, and you, have agreed upon."

The SAME to the SAME.

1691–2, February 27. Whitehall.—"I send you by the King's command a copy of the charter of *Dublin Hospital*, that you may consider of the validity of it, . . . and report as soon as possible.

"His Majesty would likewise have you prepare the draught of a *Proclamation* for declaring the war of Ireland to be at an end."

SAMUEL EYRE to the SAME.

1692, March 30. Newhouse.—The favour you have been good enough to seek for me from the King is the thing I have hitherto vigorously declined, for it would check my freedom and not be profitable to me who use not a bar practice. Your letter is a surprise to me, but you have great influence with me, and therefore I pray allow me a little time to consider of it.

MSS. of Sir W. Fitzherbert.

The Same to the Same.

1692, April 5. Salisbury.—I have received your second letter and hope to wait upon you soon.

J. Combes to Sir G. Treby, Lord Chief Justice.

1692 (received), May 11.—I can no longer attend to my duties. Pure necessity makes me take a resolution which all the world will consider ill timed and imprudently executed. It wounds me also to lose all my worthy friends. I beg your Lordship will so counter-work my folly that the City may not suffer in their choice for want of time. I believe if I should stay a week longer in Town I should never go out of it alive.

John Pollexfen to the Same.

1692, May 17. Wenbury.—I cannot come up until the election is over "nor then if I can be excused, for I cannot leave my family behind, this corner being soe haunted with French privateers, and the country near the sea so depopulated by the militia when drawn off, and the severity used in pressing, that it lies at mercy. The easterly winds have disappointed the French. Happily the Parliament may [soon] adjourn till winter.

"A French fleet came up the Channel soe far off land as probably might have surprised part of ours without notice of their approach, if the strong easterly winds had not prevented them, which forced them to come in sight of the shore, and cast anchor at the Start. There they stayed about four days, but the wind continuing against them, I believe they looked on their design as spoilt, and that are returned, being seen off Falmouth last Thursday."

Sir Thomas Taylor to the Same, at his house in Hatton Garden.

1692, June 5. Maidstone.—Your Lordship goes the home circuit. I beg that you will hold the Assize at Maidstone, (of which I have been chosen burgess). It is the most convenient place and has good accommodation. Assizes have been generally held there, at least 50 times to once elsewhere.

Lord Nottingham to the Same.

1692, July 16. Whitehall.—The Queen desires to know if Daniel Scole a soldier in Brigadier Leveson's regiment who has been condemned at Kingston for murder, is a fit object of her mercy.

Another object in the reprieve is to avoid any disorder which might arise if the soldier were executed whilst his regiment is at Kingston, whence it will remove in a few days.

Ralph Grainge to the Same.

1692, August 2.—Mr. Attorney General has asked for but cannot get leave.

"This morning the Lords of the Cabinet early went for Portsmouth. All were designed to goe, but I learn that my Lord Pembroke (by reason of Sir R. Sawyer's death, as conceived) and Lord Godolphin did not goe. Of the Admiralty the Lord Cornwallis is onely [gone]. The secret is that the instructions being opened when the transport ships came into the fleet, and that being for the descent either at St. Malo, Brest, or Isle of Ree, the admiral called a councell of the flag officers, when it was resolved that it was impossible to make it at St. Malo or Brest, the French having soe fortified both places, and drawn

down thither great forces. And for the Isle of Ree, in regard of the distance and danger of those seas, and the season soe far spent, it was altogether useless to attempt anything there. These resolves being sent up to London, is the occasion of the Lords' journey, our fleet being come to the Isle of Wight. I also perceive that there is a misunderstanding between the land and sea officers about the instructions, which seem to give more authority to the general at sea, than the sea officers think he ought to have, and some attribute to this the spring of the former resolves, and non-prosecution of the descent. The Cabinet before they went discoursed with divers experienced persons in sea affairs, and that knows the coast, and as I understand, goes with a persuasion that the descent is possible in any of the places.

"About 11 o'clock this day one Withers, Adjutant General of the Army in Flanders, who came from thence, got here, and the Queen not being at Whitehall, went to the Queen at Kensington, and was immediately dispatched after the Lords were gone to Portsmouth. We have noe particulars of the news he brings, but is in general that the loss was not so great in the late actions as was believed."

### The Same to the Same.

1692, August 20.—Various items of foreign news.

### Lawrence Hatsell to the Same.

1692, August 22. London.—The news in the Gazette is good, and people are in good spirits. The Jacobites wager £100 to eight guineas against Dunkirk being in our possession by December 25, which shows that they believe it will be besieged.

### Ralph Grainge to the Same at Tunbridge Wells.

1692, August 23.—I have no news. A Holland post has come in to day, but I could not learn what it brings. I dined last Sunday with the Lord C[hief] J[ustice] Holt, where we drank your health. He tells me that some of the officers at Portsmouth were indicted before him at Winchester for embezzling the King's stores, and that the Council designs a special commission to some of the Judges to go into Hampshire to try them. I perceive that it is left to him to name the Judges, and he was mentioning you for one. If you would have me say anything to him I shall do as you direct.

The Town is very empty. Almost all our acquaintances have left it.

### Edward Cooke to the Same.

1693, August 18. Plough Yard.—Anderton's paper is printed at last, and we are here credibly informed that above 10,000 of them have been sent all over the kingdom before one of them was heard of publickly in this great town. I was lately with Mr. Secretary Trenchard who discoursed with me of it, and would be very glad that an answer should be made, provided it were done by a good hand. I proposed Dr. Wellwood, who I hear has promised it, and he said there could be no better person to do it with smartness. He desires me to ask you to let the Dr. know all the real matters of fact about yourself and the jury, and the trial. This may prove a good service to the Government.

### Sir Francis Drake to the Same.

[1693], August 31. Buckland.—I pray for your advice as to a fit person in my place in case of a new election at Tavistock.

MSS. of Sir W. Fitzherbert.

It is mightily inconvenient to me to serve again, and the air of the Town is very prejudicial to me.

For the present the H[igh] T[ories] and J[acobi]tes of this town are mostly at Mr. Mannington's devotion. But I am told his party is not so considerable as it was. That he lives in the neighbourhood is an advantage to him, and I doubt it will be somewhat difficult to carry the seat when I lay it down, unless some pretty considerable person is brought forward.

My Lord of Bedford's interest will be needful. I have not yet mentioned my intentions to that family. Meanwhile I will sound the family at Ford.

The Same to the Same.

1693, September 29.—We'll give some account of the Assizes. Mr. Abraham Trout who has been added to the Commission of the Peace is zealous for the Government, and has always been an opponent of the Tories.

His estate is some £300 a year, but for want of quality, or other reasons, his appointment is grievously stomached by many of the gentry, and they have complained to Lord Rooksby. "Their chief dependence for redress is upon Sir E. S., who is very obliging to all, and looks so extremely brisk and prosperous, as if none of our misfortunes could in the least ever affect him." Probably the attack will prevail, for while his enemies are bitter his friends are lukewarm.

I write thus early that you and the Lord Keeper may know what is designed, and something about the man.

Sir Edward Balsh to the Same.

1694, March 26.—Begging very earnestly for 10 or 20 shillings [? pounds] of his bounty.

Lord Herbert of Cherbury to the Same.

1694, May 25. Leicester-fields.—"This comes in behalfe of one William Carrol who stands indicted for feloniously takeing a gelding, valued 12 (?) with Humphrey Woodman. This Carrol is not of age. This is his first offence, and he has very good relations. Therefore my request is, if he be found guilty, he may be transported, and you will oblige &c."

Sir Miles Cooke to the Same.

1694, July 28. London.—Complimentary. "I will give you a true state of the affairs of Christendome. My Lord Barkley doth sport it upon the coast of France, and when he comes neere enough to any town that deserves it, he complements them with his . . . and hath fixed soe many houses . . are like to put all Normandy into a flame."

Many remarks about the use of our fleet in the Mediterranean.

G. Bradbury to the Same at Appleby.

1694, August 14. The Middle Temple.—Little business was expected this summer circuit, and those who attend your Lordship may likely feel some ill effects of the Paper Act, but I who stay at home find the benefit of it from your Lordship having afforded me so long a letter.

Complimentary. "The Doctor who crossed the Alps to find the New Testament MS. in which the text 'There are Three that bear record &c,' was not, did not make so lucky a discovery (it being in

favour of the Unitarian heresy) as the other did who met with that convocation book, which helped to make him an orthodox Dean. Sir Thomas Stanley against whom there was a warrant for High Treason, and who had been searched for in the country, was apprehended on Friday last, going by a wrong name, in Holborne ; but Colonel Parker is escaped out of the Tower. He was first missed on Sunday morning, his door being bolted on the inside. The matter was examined yesterday by the Privy Council, and referred to be examined by my Lord Chief Justice, who this afternoon has committed one Still to Newgate for High Treason, (the warder at whose house Parker was a prisoner).

"Sir Cloudesley Shovel on Friday last coming from Spithead with the English fleet into the Downes, found there a Sweede and a Dane men-of-war. The Sweede struck sayle, but the Dane refused till after two single shots, each exchanged upon the other a broadside, by which several men on both sides were killed and wounded, and the Dane struck."

Letters came yesterday from Admiral Russell dated July 25 in Altea Bay near Alicant.

He reports that the French fleet has gone out of Toulon.

### Sir John Lowther [of Lowther] to the Same.

1694, August 16.—Excusing himself from waiting upon him in person, and inviting him to pay him a visit as he leaves Carlisle.

### Lord Salisbury to the Same.

1694, August 18.—Under the late Act he is obliged to obtain his consent to any lease of Salisbury House and garden and tenements &c. Is now making such a lease to one John Hodge and sends it herewith for his consent.

### S. Travers to the Same.

1694, September 12. Tunbridge Wells.—"While your Lordship was on circuit a friend of mine recommended to my acquaintance a very honest and learned gentleman, Dr. St. Clair, who for many years, till Mr. Boyle's death, had assisted that great man, not only in all his Philosophical and Mathematical experiments, but in preparing what he published on those subjects. Whereupon I resolved to set aside an hour a day for two months to rub up my old notions, and see them reduced into practice by a course of chymistry. If your Lordship had been in Town I would have consulted your Lordship before I prepared my cellar for that purpose, but I was so far from doubting your approbation, that I promised myself the honour of having your Lordship to see some of the more curious experiments, since it lay so conveniently for you, when the dispensation of justice and State affairs would allow you leisure for such a diversion. But to my great surprise my servant, coming this day from London, tells me he hears your Lordship is not willing I should proceed. If at my coming to Town, which will be in two or three days, there remain any scruples with your Lordship which I cannot remove I will desist. But if, as I am apt to believe, your Lordship's name is only made use of by peevish humorists to divert me from my purpose, I shall not only insist upon my right of making what use I please of my lodgings, and of giving whom I please free access to them, but I will protect the Doctor from any impertinent trouble that they shall give him. Tis hard that the Temple, which allows free egress and regress to all the dregs of mankind, where perriwig makers, shoemakers, brandy sellers, and fruiterers, keep open shops, should make difficulty of suffering a Member of the Society to receive visits from one

of the most learned and ingenious mathematicians and philosophers in England; especially since among the known rules of the Society, the very staircase where the dispute lies, has for many years harboured wives, misses, and costermongers. But I am transported beyond the bounds that health prescribes to a water drinker, and that decency requires from one that writes to a person of your Lordship's character, and therefore I defer troubling you until I have the honour of waiting on you."

### WILLIAM PAINTER to the SAME.

1694, October 13.—On the determination of the Exeter College case three of the Judges were for Dr. D. Bury, but Lord Chief Justice Holt concluded positively for the Visitor. He was of opinion that the Visitor has power to deprive a Rector, as you argued when you were counsel for the Visitor. The Visitor has brought a writ of error which will be before the Lords at the opening of the next Session. The Bishop of Exeter has directed me to inform you of this fact.

### THE DUKE OF BOLTON to the SAME.

1694, December 22. London.—Having been summoned to be with his Majesty on Monday I shall not go into the country at all, and wish to know when you can let me have the paper I gave you to-day.

### LORD KEEPER SOMERS to the SAME.

1694–5, March 1.—I mentioned Mr. Lechmere to the King last night, but find there is little hope as so many other applications have been made already.

I also mentioned to him your notion how seasonable it would be to get an Act to dissolve the County Palatine of Lancaster.

He is altogether of your opinion, and desires you to draw a short Act for that purpose. He hopes it will be quickly done, because the session being so far advanced, there is no time to be lost.

### LORD LUCAS to the SAME, at Kingston.

1694–5, March 13. The House of Lords.—I would not write if I did not think it for the King's service.

"I suppose there may be several men fitt for the service in goale now at Kingston. If your Lordship will be so kind as to let the bearer have them, I will give my word that they shall be sent abroad, and you will very much oblige &c."

### G. BRADBURY to the SAME.

1694–5, March 14.—"The mollifying words which your Lordship sees in the vote which passed on Tuesday last in the House of Commons against the Speaker, they connived at, and suffered him to slip in as he was putting the question. The next day he sent a letter (in cover to Mr. Goddrell) directed to the Honourable the House of Commons, that as he was dressing himself to go and attend his service there, he was taken with a violent fitt of the cholick, and he hoped he should be well to attend next day. Upon which they adjourned till the morrow. And this day he sent another letter that his indisposition continued. Thereupon the House proceeded to choose a Speaker, and there being a division, it was carried in a very full house for Mr. Paul Foley against Sir Thomas Littleton, by thirty voices. The new Speaker is to be presented to the King to-morrow morning in the Lords' House; after

which it is generally said they will proceed further against the late Speaker to commit him to the Tower, and many say to impeach him. There is a great eagerness among them to know where the secret service money of the East India Company has been disposed, and I hear it is intended to put a clause into the Bill now depending for taking the public accounts, to subject this new matter to the enquiry of those commissioners."

FRANCIS WYATT to the SAME.

1695, June 8.—I beg you will not hold the Assizes at Horsham for the small pox is now there, and as I have never had it I am afraid to wait upon you there.

ANONYMOUS to the SAME.

1695, June 24.—Self interest is the motive which sways our great men. The writer disapproves of hospitality to French fugitives when our own people are suffering.

W. TRUMBULL to the SAME.

1695, July 2. Whitehall.—Being informed that at a meeting of the Jacobites last Saturday night, they determined to try to have the trial of the late rioters put off, and boasted that they had stopped the mouths of three witnesses already, and hoped, if this delay could be obtained, to silence others, by showing them how former witnesses had suffered by ill usage from the Government, thinks it his duty to send the information.

LORD KEEPER SOMERS to the SAME.

1695, November 13.—"The King having commanded me to be at Kensington this morning, I am apt to think he will speak to me upon that subject which my Lord Shrewsbury, by his direction, recommended to your Lordship's and my consideration.

"That makes me very desirous to see your Lordship before I went, and therefore if it be not inconvenient, I would hope your Lordship might take Powys House on your way, when you go abroad this morning."

DR. SHERLOCK to the SAME.

1695, November 14.—Yesterday Mr. Gale came to acquaint me that your Lordship would excuse me from preaching for you next Sunday and had appointed him supposing it might be inconvenient to me to preach this term. I told him it was no inconvenience to me, and it was the same thing to me whether I preach or not having provided a preacher for the Temple. But if you wish to hear him I am well pleased it should be so.

LORD KEEPER SOMERS to the SAME.

1695-6, January 25. Saturday.—"The King at the earnest desire of the Bishops, has determined to publish something of the nature of the enclosed paper. He has directed me to desire your Lordship to alter it so as it ought to be, and if it be possible to return it to me before 5 o'clock tomorrow in the evening. It seems to me that the latter part of it is not as it ought to be."

*There are some 25 lines of shorthand on the blank side containing a few plain words* "dissenter" "Trinity" "worship" &c.

MSS. OF SIR W. FITZHERBERT.

BARON POWYS to the SAME.

1696, April 5. Exeter.—We have been so full of business on this circuit I have hardly had time to eat or sleep. But this your county of Devon does vastly surpass the rest in business, and I do not think it possible to go hence before next Friday though I came here yesterday week.

Great numbers of clippers and coiners are for trial. But I shall be very careful not to charge the King with more rewards than needs must.

In all my charges I have asserted the present Government with much boldness, and with I think good results, as I gather from their looks, and the numbers who signed the Association, and the loyal party in every county have thanked me.

I wrote to the Lord Keeper about Cornwall, how untoward I found it, but I brought them to a somewhat better pass before I had done with them. I also find the county of Devon, as you said, just not one jot better than it should be.

"I have here also promoted the House of Commons Address, and the High Sheriff, most of the Grand Jury, and many of the Justices of Peace, have signed it. But Sir George Chidley, Sir Peter Prideaux, Sir John Pool, and some others are forming a different thing, a kind of an empty Address without an Association. They shewed it to Sir Francis Drake, (who has signed the other) and he unhappily shewed them the great absurdities and defects of theirs, whereupon they have somewhat amendid it. I chid him, and he is sorry for it, for the worse the better. Yet it continues but a very indifferent business, and I having declared that I would not meddle with any but what was the same as the House of Commons, I hear they intend to have it presented by my Lord of Bath.

"I got Sir Francis Drake, and Colonel Waldron, to sit with me for an hour this evening, and I discoursed them fully about this county.

"They tell me I have done a great deal of good both in this county and city, and have put spirit into the King William's friends, by my zeal and resolution."

I have ordered two indictments to be drawn against one Henry Legasick, a known Jacobite, and an attorney of great business, especially among the Jacobites, for threatening those who would not drink King James' health. The Grand Jury found against him, and I sent for him into Court, and committed him, though he had four counsel and some others that spake in his behalf. I persisted and declared that I would certainly commit the greatest man in the county of whom I should have a like suspicion of being concerned in the late plot. This has startled the Jacobites hereabouts, and made much noise. But the more noise the better, and therefore I did it the more publickly. I have also had indicted some strangers who have spoken disrespectfully of the King, and intend when I sit again in the city on Tuesday next, to sentence them both to stand two market days in the pillory in this city, and be fined, and imprisoned. When I pronounce the sentence I will discant upon the necessity of the words "Rightful and Lawful" in the Association.

I have some matters of weight to be imparted to his Majesty, but not fit for a letter, relating to some things much amiss in the counties of Devon and Cornwall. I will tell them to you and to the Lord Keeper. I have taken great care in all my charges to point out how careful the King and Parliament have been to establish a good coinage, which has

been destroyed to such a degree by clippers and coiners, as to be more injurious to us than the French war. That quantities of milled money are coined every week, and that the worst is passed. None of this money is here yet, but it will be dispersed gradually, and they must have patience, and stretch their credits for a short time.

"Yet really after all God grant there be not some mischief with the common people, especially in these remote parts soon after the 4th of May; and pray speak that some courses be speedily taken if possible to disperse the new money, for I doubt the old milled money, and clipped sixpences, and punched money, will not be sufficient to furnish for common necessaries, and people will not starve. Though I may say the Commonalty will venture it as far for this government as for any that ever was. I hear the Jacobites are in notable hopes that a sort of confusion will happen about the 4th of May for want of money, especially so near the King's going, and therefore the greater care must be taken. I am very glad the guineas are thus fallen &c."

### Sir Francis Drake to the Same.

1696, April 6. Exeter.—When I first came here I supposed we should have made more of the Association, there seemed to be an almost universal inclination for it. But one night we lost many having "notions put into them that Harrow on the Hill stood in a bottom, for that the word 'Rightful' was to break the Act of Settlement." Moreover they could not consent to the word 'revenge.' "So nice are some of us grown since we hunted the poor fellows that followed the Duke of Monmouth, after the whole of the design was entirely defeated."

This defection is owing to some of our leading churchmen. But we owe a million of thanks to those who recommended our Judge to this station. By his brave resolution he has done much to save our credit. The life of what we have done is mostly owing to him.

There was a most abominable Grand Jury provided. In it many Non-Jurors, which the Judge having notice of discouraged that panel, and we had a new one.

Sir William Courteney has subscribed. But really the zeal and arguments of the Judge have had the greatest effect, and I guess the disaffected party will rule their tongues a little better for the future.

We have among our refusing Deputy Lieutenants honest gentlemen. It is absolutely necessary there should be a new Commission.

I shall not be sorry if the report that we are to have a new Lord Lieutenant is confirmed. This is a conjuncture such as cannot be hoped for again, and I hope it will be duly improved.

I am almost ashamed to speak of the condition of our militia. The commissions to the Colonels came last week, and they, under apprehension of what may happen upon their not subscribing the Association, are not likely to be very active in settling their regiments.

We are in but an indifferent condition to withstand any attempt if one should be made. "The Sheriff too being such a contemptible old woofe, and the Under Sheriff no better affected than he ought. I hate, my Lord, so much as to complain and now to be an accuser, but really we are too much out of order to be altogether silent."

Loyal men ought to be supported, but the majority of the commissions go to those who hesitate to sign the Association.

"Some, I must do them the right to think, wish well to the Government, but they are commencing to break off from some that have heretofore governed them."

MSS. OF SIR W. FITZHERBERT.

ARCHBISHOP TENISON to the SAME.

1696, April 12. Whitehall.—"I think it a great misfortune to me that I cannot enjoy your good company this day at Lambeth, by reason of the long debate we are like to have in the House of Lords. The Thanksgiving day may be I presume a free day on all hands, and then if it be convenient for your Lordship I shall be very glad to see you."

JEREMIAH WHITE to the SAME.

1696, April 17.—Submitting a print from Sir B. Showers' brother for perusal.

*On the other side a quantity of shorthand.*

LORD CHIEF JUSTICE HOLT to the SAME.

1696, April or May.—"I entreat your favour in perusing the inclosed and to reforme the errors in it. I designed to have put it into the hands of my Brother Powall, to have communicated it you, but I heare he is with your Lordship."

*Some shorthand follows.*

JAMES VERNON to the SAME.

1696, May 16. Whitehall.—By command of the Lords Justices I write to ask your opinion upon the clause in the late Act for the better security of the King's person relating to the security to be given by those who have come over from France since September last, for their departure out of the kingdom.

The SAME to the SAME.

1696, July 21. Whitehall.—The Lords Justices, being in daily expectation of letters from the King in relation to Sir J. Fenwick, wish to know if it would be very inconvenient to defer the trial till Monday, though Mr. Justice Rokeby should then be obliged to go out of Town.

SIR J. ELWILL to the SAME.

1696, July 22. Exeter.—Private business: "A great deal of sourness was shown by some of our neighbours the last sessions week, on the occasion of leaving out of the Lieutenancy some of their friends. Sir P. P.; Sir J. Ple; Sir W. Dke; and Sir H. Ackl.; were the murmurers, and concluded with a motion to Sir F. D.; Sir William Davie; myself, and others, to join in a letter to our Lord Lieutenant setting forth the work of the gentlemen left out, and desiring his Lordship to put them into the Commission. The managers were Sir William D[ra]ke and Sir H. A[cland], the rest supplyed fuel to maintain the flame. The persons left out were named Sir T. pmt (?), Sir Archi. Chester; John Gifford; Francis Turfd; and Thomas Drew; with Mr. Coffin. Unless these be put into the Commission it was said there would be feuds and animosities abounding amongst us, and they would be transmitted to posterity. It was added that these gentlemen had associated, or would do so. Sir F. D., to whom the motions were directed, replyed that if any were left out, it was their own fault, in omitting *voluntarily* to associate at the Assizes, and that he could not but wonder at the pretended ill consequences of leaving out such men. Whereas not a thought could be entertained formerly of any inconvenience by neglecting Sir William Davie; Mr. Calmady;

Mr. Harris; Mr. Ar(siot ?), gentlemen of £2000 or £3000 a year. Sir H. A. in a heat replyed that it was a neglect . . then to passe by these gentlemen. Shall we do the like now? This was not satisfactory to Sir F. D. who told Sir J. Ple, that should never write in favour of such as dissuaded him and Sir P. P. from signing the Association at the Assizes. Whereupon Sir J. P. said, I see we cannot agree, let us have a couple of bottles to reconcile all. Which diverted the discourse and opened a way for us to separate."

Afterwards there were some hot words between Sir F. D. on the Bench at the Castle, and Sir W. D[ra]ke. In the end each held their ground. Some men I find will go *driven*, who cannot be *led*.

"The Lord Lieutenant has a handle offered him to manage all the Tantivy men, by impowering some, and neglecting others who have most scandalously refused to give a necessary security to the Government in the day of distress. They may fret and foam until they see the little good they do thereby. In a short time they will compound, and be as flexible as any, in the opinion of your faithful servant."

### The Same to the Same.

1696, July 29. Exeter.—Private business. Some disaffected persons cannot conceal their joy arising from the separation made by Savoy.

"The fleet lies in Torbay. The sight thereof doth not terrify the French capers who lye lurking on our coast, and take small vessels at the entrance of our harbours. It were to be wisht some very particular care were had to scour these seas of that destructive vermin."

### Admiral Russell to the Same.

1696, August 3. Chippenham.—Is anxious to wait upon him at Cambridge Assizes. Supposes that Friday will be the first convenient day.

### [Sir J. Elwill] to the Same.

1696, August 3. L . . ok.—Had had a very satisfactory conversation of some hours with Sir William Courteney, who is zealous for the government.

We expect good success in settling the militia both in the city and county.

Our enemies offer a composition, viz. that those who are left out of the Lieutenancy and have now signed be put in.

The Lord Lieutenant has not thought fit to give any answer. It is affirmed that the Earl of Bath has given those gentlemen directions to get into their hands as much power as possible.

Sir G. Ch. is insufferably insolent. If he is not dismissed the Bench many will abstain from attendance for the sake of peace.

### Sir Miles Cook to the Same at Cambridge.

1696, August 4. London.—News from abroad.

"I heard Sir Stephen Fox tell the Archbishop of Canterbury, that the army in Flanders could get no money in Flanders (no not for subsistance money) but upon a rebate of nine shillings in the pound, which must needs disgust the army, and was cause enough for the hasty coming over of my Lord Portland to remedy so fatal a defect. He brought over with him one of the chiefe directours of the Bank of Amsterdam, who (upon the moral assurance I hope we have given him before he

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went back again) will procure £200,000 from that bank, upon very valuable consideration you may be sure. My Lord Portland meets every day with some of the Lords Justices Commissioners of the Treasury, and several of the rich money-minded men of the city, and they are laying their wise heads together to contribute something like the philosopher's stone, but with what success I cannot yet perfectly learne, though the lying posts seem very sanguine in the matter."

The French are so posted that it is not likely there will be much fighting this summer. We shall do no more by land than we have done by sea, the burning of so many poor villages being but a small equivalent for the charges of a royal navy.

### The SAME to the SAME at Norwich.

1696, August 13. London.—You will like to have some news.

This is likely to be the civilest campaign ever known; 400,000 fighting men, and not one bloody nose, nor as much blood likely to be spent as was shed by Lord Jefferies in his summer campaign in the west.

There is nothing but marching and counter-marching like a game at chess.

I am sorry my Lord Portland has not been more successful. "He finds that one thing more is needful besides the hearts of the people, and that is the philosopher's stone. Our bullion is almost melted down already, and the golden citizens padlock their guineas as they do their wives, so that men will as soon part with their teeth as their guineas. And this upon a foolish opinion that hath got into the heartes of the wisest of them, that the first thing the Parliament will doe when they meet, will be the heightning of guineas at least to 25*s*. the peece. But be that as it may, I cannot learne by my best enquiry that my Lord Portland hath as yet got together above £50,000, and that too of the Jews who have dealt like Jews in the matter, almost to the tune of 20 per cent."

Thinking men believe this difficulty about money will produce a peace.

"The royal fleet rides safe in Torbay being no wayes terrified with the vast number of French privateers that almost surround them."

### BARON LITTLETON POWYS to the SAME.

1696, August 25. Henley near Ludlow.—There has been a great deal of business this circuit, which seems to show that money is not so scarce as is pretended. Throughout the circuit [Hereford, Shrewsbury &c.] guineas and milled moneys, but chiefly good broad hammered money, appeared in sufficient quantity to do the business, and the Welsh money was remarkably broad. "So that I am fully convinced of the truth of the sentiments of my truly ingenious friends Mr. Clerk, and Mr. Lock, that there was left not only a good stock of passable money in the nation, but also that it would come out as soon as the hopes of the going againe of clipt money was over. For that end I have in all my charges &c. endeavoured to convince the people of that false imagination got amongst them (partly by malice, and partly by ignorance) that next Parliament will make clipt money to pass againe; as also of another pernicious opinion got amongst them that guineas will also be raised as being of greater value than 22*s*., and (as they say) going for more in Ireland and Holland. But I believe I have convinced them that the par between gold and silver, now that we have milled money, can never permit guineas to be higher, and that what happens in Ireland and Holland is merely from the fallacy of the return thither.

"I have most industriously cheered up the people with the hopes of money in plenty suddenly, not only in my charges, but also in my common discourse, and I am told with very good success. And I found by the countenances of my auditories that they were very much refreshed by the reasons I gave them, and letting them know how exceeding diligent the Lords Justices were about the matter.

"Yet after all it must be confessed there is a great want of money, and this new coin does disperse very slowly, and it is a perfect novelty (especially in these remote parts) to the common people to get a little in their hands. I purposely took a good quantity of it out of London with me, and chiefly of shillings and sixpences, and did take care that all my middling and lesser sums should be paid in it. And I doe the like here at home, and the country people seem mightily pleased to receive forty or fifty shillings together, all in new money, and I mix them some of all sorts that they may show about that it is coming.

"I hear there is a great arrear of Excise in Ludlow and other places for want of good money, and I know not how the taxes and other publick payments will be paid, unless the remains of the clipt money shall be taken. And yet that would have a fatal consequence, for it cannot be taken in so suddainly but that all broad money that is now come out will be in danger of clipping. The mischief of the coin is greater upon us than that of the French war, but I hope the worst is past.

"I did lately look into Oates' first narrative, and there he says that the adulterating of our coin was one of the Popish contrivances against us.

THOMAS BLOFELD, Alderman, to the SAME.

1696, August 25. Norwich.—An apology, with reasons, for his absence from the Court at Norwich.

*Fourteen lines of shorthand follow.*

LORD SOMERS to the SAME.

1696, September 2.—"I perceive we were all in a mistake yesterday, for in expectation of your Lordship we did not send for the Sheriff to come in to us, so far were we persuaded we should have spoken with your Lordship. I must acquaint you that the Lords Justices have a farther design of discourse with you about Sir John Fenwick's trial, so that they will be very desirous of seeing you at their next meeting. But if it be so that you determine to go for Tunbridge, I will acquaint them on Thursday with the contents of your letter, and will make the best excuse I can."

SIR MILES COOKE to the SAME.

1696, September 8. London.—It has been reported that the King of France is dead. But I have pointed out to people that that is impossible for that persons of that magnitude are always complimented with a comet before their exit, or they are carried away in a whirlwind as Oliver Cromwell and Elijah were. The negociations for peace go on, very much forwarded by the King of France's illness. The mercers and ladies are much displeased that the Court will go into mourning this winter for the Queen of Spain.

News from abroad.

BARON LITTLETON POWYS to the SAME at Tunbridge.

1696, September 16. Henley.—Suggesting his own transfer to the Common Pleas in the place of Judge Powell deceased, and asking for his recommendation.

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P. HOLT to the SAME.

1696, September 16.—Sends an enclosure from his brother and begs for a continuance of his interest for an office which the King has written to say he will not dispose of until his return.

J. VERNON to the SAME.

1696, September 18.—The Lords are unwilling to interrupt his use of the waters but must summon him to attend the arraignment of Sir John Fenwick on Wednesday next.

*Within the letter there are* 10 *or* 11 *lines of shorthand.*

SIR J. COMBE to the SAME.

1696, October 6, Daventry.—Has benefitted by the waters at Astrop. Recommends Mr. Wright of Oxford to be the successor of the Recorder of Chester if he is promoted to Westminster.

Mr. Hooke has in his own right a higher station.

SECRETARY TRUMBALL to the SAME.

1696, November 2. Whitehall.—Your attendance is required by his Majesty at Kensington at six o'clock this evening precisely.

*Endorsed*, Sir J. Fenwick.

1696, November 2.—*Three sides of shorthand.*

*Endorsed,* Sir J. Fenwick.

LORD KEEPER SOMERS to the SAME.

1696, December 5.—"I return Mr. Petit's collection. I did also persuade Mr. Attorney to send to him for his assistance, that he might have some advantage for his pains. Mr. Attorney has as I understand pitched upon Mr. Pratt for one who is to be of council at the Lords' bar. I know your Lordship has a favour for him, and therefore I hope you will send for him and advise him what he is to say, and how he is to manage himself in that place. It may be a very happy opportunity for him if he recovers as much credit to the King's Council in the House of Lords as they lost in the House of Commons. I do not know who else is to attend as council."

BARON POWYS to the SAME.

1696–7, January 10.—Will attend him at the House on Tuesday, for I suppose that business will be put off till then.

Mr. Harcourt may be back from Oxford by tomorrow evening, if summoned last evening.

JOHN SHARP, ARCHBISHOP OF YORK, to the SAME.

1696–7, February 20. Bishopsthorp.—Lady Abdy widow of Sir John Abdy of Essex is prosecuting a maid of hers for setting fire to some outhouses. She then thought that if convicted the girl would be executed, and she was for letting the prosecution fall though she should pay the forfeiture.

I advised her to let the law take its course and then apply to the Judge for the favour of transportation, if he found the woman an object of compassion.

As you were the Judge I am obliged in accordance with my promise to trouble you with a request that you will see the lady.

### Martyn Ryder to the Same.

1696–7, March 16. The Middle Temple.—"The trouble of this is occasioned by the proceedings of the House of Commons this day upon the Bill against selling of offices. My information says when the debate came on Mr. Attorney General offered the like proviso for the offices of the Court of Chancery as was for my Lords the Judges which was att . . . . received. Then another like proviso was offered on behalf of the City of London. And then (jocularly) for all the Cities and Corporations, which their representatives said they thought they were obliged to offer for such as chose them. Then the debate growing more warm, it was by another sort of men thought the Bill was overcharged, and then the question being putt, whether all the provisos should be allowed, it was carried without a division that none at all should be passed, not even that which the Lords' House had added as a salvo to your Lordships. Mr. Attorney (as Mr. Petitt tells me who spake with . . . this evening) says that Mr. Attur (?) thought it would occasion the losse of the whole Bill. But your Lordship knows that depends on the resolution of the Lords whether they will adhere to the proviso for the Judges, and therefore I thought it my duty to inform your Lordship what I could learn, to the intent that you might (if thought expedient) write to some Lords on the subject, or take what other course you think proper." *Some pencil shorthand notes.*

### The Duke of Norfolk to the Same.

1696–7, March 21.—To draw his attention to a case of jury packing in the case of Lord Walden, which is to be tried at the Sussex Assizes. The case was adjourned by Judge Eyres for this reason, and now the very same jury has been chosen.

### Lord Chancellor Somers to the Same.

1697, April 23.—"I wish I might know by a line from your Lordship whether you think it most for the King's service that the vacancy should be filled (of which mind the King seems to be but not with any positiveness), and if so my next request is that you would send mee the name of the person. I am to acquaint you that, if at all this time, it must be done this night, because the King proposes to be going early tomorrow.

"I could not learn my Lord Chief Justice Holt's mind clearly in this busines the first day of term."

### Viscount Lonsdale to the Same.

1697, May 3.—To represent the hardships inflicted upon ignorant country people by grasping attornies. A poor tenant had been sued in the county court for £4 by splitting it into two or three actions. The defendant was willing to appear and had one of these men for his counsel. The plaintiff recovers. The process is executed. Then comes Mounsey the Attorney offers to manage this suit at his own cost, and prosecute the bailiff for executing a process in a case wherein the court had no jurisdiction, and thus they make a prey of ignorant country men.

### John Williams, Bishop of Chichester, to the Same.

1697, June 11. Chichester.—Would be as lenient as possible in the pitiable case of Mr. Rothurl against whom a bill of non-residence was found.

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BARON POWYS to the SAME.

1697, October 1. Henley.—Pressing for his promotion in Chief Justice Treby's Court.

SAMUEL ROLLE to the SAME.

1697, October 9. Pittletoune.—Enclosing a request from the Justices of Salisbury for his opinion whether Mr. Clark, having been found guilty of manslaughter, may be bailed.

FRANCIS CATER, Mayor of Coventry to the SAME

1697, November 8. Coventry.—At the last Assizes you were pleased to take notice of the alterations in the Town Hall which is now one of the best in England, and to encourage us to expect a levy on the county to pay for it. A discontented set of disloyal men, who were ousted from power in a trial at the King's Bench last Easter, now oppose the levy. Pray advise the bearer Mr. Fulwood, our steward, how we should proceed.

SIR F. DRAKE to the SAME.

1697, November 11.—To consult him about Mr. Berry's candidature for the office of Town Clerk for Plymouth.

"Our high blades of the clergy are very wroth and uneasy, and will be sure to do all the mischief they can. The Church is in utmost danger they say, not only from the dissenters but from some great men which are not Christians. The name of one of them (he is now going a great embassy) I have learnt. They are very hot indeed, but I have broke pretty much their measures hereabouts, and am apt to believe it is no difficult thing to make them a little cooler."

W. PENN to [the SAME].

1697, November 22. Worminghurst.—"Worthy friend. The time drawing on to recommend the gentleman in whose favour I solicited thy kindness and interest, I presume to remember thee in his behalfe, and most earnestly to begg that it would please thee to make it thy positive request, being first noe great thing, nor without example; next that it is giveing a young gentleman birth into the world, and that will sincerely and virtuously use the favour. I know very well to whom I write, one that knows the use and abuse of forms; mercy is better than sacrifice; and the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath; much better may I say that forms are made for men, not men for forms; and certainly they should not be put in the scale against ingenuity and industry for bread. I will add that Sir F. Winnington assured me at parting he would give his assistance, tho' he said thy request was enough, if made heartily for him. I begg this freedom may not lessen thy good opinion of him that is with a long acquaintance, and reall esteem, thy obliged and faithfull friend.

R. GRAINGE to the SAME at Maidstone.

1697–8, March 22.—The Dean of York's judgment has been reversed by the Lords, "without any debate in the House after counsel heard, but immediateiy a general cry reverse, reverse."

LORD HATTON to the SAME.

1698, April 26. Kirby.—Desiring him to stay proceedings in the case of Mrs. Ann Jeffreyes, a prisoner for debt until he can give full information about her.

J. LOCKE to the SAME.

1698, May 17. Oates.—You pour favours upon me without my asking. I had thought of stopping you on the high way, according to the privilege you allow me, when you passed this way the last Assizes, and to make a petition to you for my cousin King, a student of the Middle Temple, but my health has prevented it.

My cousin has informed me how good you have been to him, and I am not less obliged to you than he is.

LORD CHANCELLOR SOMERS to the SAME.

1698, July 13.—"I told the King of the ques[tion] your Lordship had a mind to have answered, and he commands me to say he thanks you, and if he may have the determination of that matter he would rather the person should not be chosen."

JOHN POLLEXFEN to the SAME.

1698–9, January 13.—Recommending Mr. John Davy, a rich merchant of Bideford, for the office of Sheriff in the place of Mr. Luttrell who cannot afford it.

W. PENN to the SAME.

1699, February 20. Worminghurst.—"Worthy and old friend. I must venture to recommend Sir R. Cullen's brother in law to thy favour, who has I hope outlived the objection against his being accepted as I requested two years ago, haveing been of the house ever since, as thou wert pleased to advise, in order to facilitate and give a better pretence for the favour of comeing to the barr. I must add that a new Judge is very warm upon us, I know not why, and upon me very reflecting, which is I think below his place. I hear he is very much thy servant and has reason for it, I beg he may be softened by thy larger mind, and better conversation. Pardon this freedom from an old and true and respectful friend."

R. YARD to the SAME.

1699, August 18. Whitehall.—By the command of the Lords Justices I am to desire you to be present to perform the office of Speaker of the House of Lords, at the prorogation on Thursday the 29th inst.

*In another letter of August* 21, *it is said that Lord Chief Justice Holt will undertake this duty.*

The DUKE OF NORFOLK to the SAME.

1699, November 14.—My uncle, Mr. Esmé Howard, now a prisoner in the Fleet by some mistake has not obtained the benefit of the Act to which he is entitled. I have a great deal of reason to believe he intends to be just to his creditors, and I recommend him to your goodness so far as the law will allow.

LORD CHANCELLOR SOMERS to the SAME.

1699–1700, February 5.—"The life of the Recorder is despaired of. I take the liberty to put your Lordship in mind that it is of great consequence he should have a good successor, and that nobody can contribute so much to effect it as your Lordship."

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The Same to the Same.

1699–1700, February 22.—"Mr. Lacy has applied to me to stop the Writ of Error as not lying in the case, and his and the Bishop's counsel are to be heard this afternoon. I doubt I cannot so properly have your assistance in Court because you are now acting as a delegate in the cause, but I beg your advice and opinion what is proper for mee to do in this matter. . . . .

If you do not come to the House I hope you will write me a line before the afternoon.

I am to desire you to consider the point which my Lord Jersey mentioned to you, that so you may be ready to speak to it tomorrow if there be occasion."

Chief Justice Holt to the Same.

1699–1700, February 23.—"The Lord Chancellor desires your Lordship to be at the House of Lords this day, and if your Lordship can I may have a little conference beforehand. Therefore if your Lordship will be pleased to step up to my chamber as you go to your own you will oblige &c."

Lord Chancellor Somers to the Same.

1699–1700, March 10. Sunday night.—"If it were possible for mee to speak a few words with your Lordship tomorrow morning about a thing which will come on in the House of Lords about the Bishop of St. David's I should be very glad. I do not know how practicable this is because of your going out of Town, and therefore I submit it wholly to you."

Martyn Ryder to the Same.

1700, August 23. Exeter. "I came hither last night and found the Judge trying our Dartmouth cause. It lasted from 2 to 9 o'clock, and then the Jury was sent out, but with harsh directions as Sir W. Y., and Sir John E., and Mr. D., told me. And being willing to know more, and that from the lawyers, I went this morning, while the Jury was at the Crown Bar, to Mr. Pratt in the same, and other like company, and he told me in general that he never heard such law in his lifetime."

*The case is about the Corporation and its constitution.*

The Same to the Same.

1700, September 6. Tavistock.—I was at Plymouth last Tuesday, and invited my brethren the Aldermen to dine with me. They were very well pleased with my company and my treat which cost me five guineas.

They unanimously agreed, being well satisfied with them, and in accordance with your recommendation, to choose the same burgesses again. They would not choose the Mayor this year, they said, for that might be a rub to my election.

Mr. Alden is to be the new Alderman.

[*A long letter full of details of his dealings with the Aldermen so as to preserve his Lordship's interest.*]

Thomas Gibbon to the Same.

1700, September 25.—Renews his application in spite of the advice in answer to his former letter.

MARTYN RYDER to the SAME.

1700, September 27. Goodmeavy.—*A long letter chiefly upon private business.*

I cannot but smile at Thomas Gibbon's wish to be a serjeant.

It is something unusual too that R. Tracy should come from Ireland as a qualification for a Judge in England.

The Recorder of Grantham would fain have a coif. He is a gentleman of £1000 a year, and keeps his coach, and would grace the coif.

HUMPHREY PERYE to LADY TREBY, Hatton Garden.

1715, July 13. Stafford.—Advice upon private business.

We have had great tumults in this county. The Wolverhampton Meeting House was pulled down by the mob on June 29, on the fair day there. The cause of the rising was this. Mr. Gros: and some other gentlemen in a publick house there heard some men in another room singing some old seditious song, and sent to desire them to stop. They refused, upon which Mr. Gr: committed one of them to a constable who put him in the crib or stone-house. Whereupon the mob rescued him, knocked down Mr. Gr:, though he ran one or two of them through the body, and then went to the Meeting House. There has been a similar riot at Stafford, in which the country people joined, and also at Stone and Walsall.

The Sheriff has been called upon to raise the posse.

## POPISH PLOT.

[LETTERS, &c. SEIZED IN COLEMAN'S HOUSE, AND DEPOSITIONS, &c. USED AGAINST HIM AND THE LORDS, &c.]

[*Twenty original letters* 1674, *Oct.* 19, *to* 1675, *May* 1, *some altogether and some partially written with sympathetic ink.*]

[? SIR W. THROCKMORTON to E. COLEMAN.]

1674, October 19.—"I agree with you that the only meanes to win the Kinge to the Duke's interest, and to take him off interely from the friendshipp of the Parliament, would be money, for the reasons you alleage in your last letter of the 2d instant, which I have just now receaved. But the meanes necessary to continue it are so excessive that, even according to your own opinion, and the discourse we had when you was here, what the Pope could contribute would be nothing in comparison of what is needed, and in the obligation he hath also to assist other friends who are in greater straites. I likewise doubt whether the Pope would resolve upon what you propound, considering the little stress can be laid upon the King's will, it being to be feared that all imployed that way would soone be lost, without any advantage to the Duke or his associates, which we have reason to feare from his ordinary manner of proceeding. It would therefore be necessary in my opinion to have at least some probable assurances that we might imploy for the advantage of the Catholiques and 140 ——— what otherwise we are obliged frugally to manage for them in other partes, before the proposition be made to the Pope, which is not to be undertaken in soe general and obscure termes as you propound it. For what remaines

the Nuncio is on the point of going to Rome, having already leave to retorne. The negociation of the businesse you propound will belong to his successor, but he will retain the same passion which he had for the Duke's service, as well at the Emperour's Court as at the Pope's. If he shall have any part in the affaires of England he will not faile to informe you more particularly of his departure. I pray you assure the Duke of what I have told you."

"Translated by Sir Humphry (Winch ?)."

[SIR W. THROCKMORTON to . . . . .]

[1674], November 28. Paris. "*I did at last deare Governour after many traverses get well to this place on Sunday morning about 8 a clock. I had my old torture at sea again 2 dayes and nights. I embarqued at Rye the same night I came thither and could not get a ship under £8 there being indeed but that one in harbor which was to carry me to Diepe, but the winds weare, and I think ever since have been, so contrary that I beleeve shee could not have performed her voyage by this time. I put myselfe in at lost into a fisher boat and so by force of oares landed on Friday in the afternoon where I beleeve never noe gentleman before landed, and so on foot and on asses and animals they called horses we got to St. Valery, and so to Abbeville, and thence poste to Paris with onely three halfe crownes in my pocket. They weare very strickt in searching at St. Valery, my wife's smoks have gon to wrack, the little bundles of your other frinds I hid and so saved, but the great box there was no such dealing with. I told them it was sent me by the Lady of the Duchesse her bedchamber, and that perhaps it was sumthing sent by her Highness to her Mother, but all would not serve. So at last I prevailed with them not to open it and that I would leave it there till we got an order from hence for it. This I thought was the best for if they had opened it it had certainly been lost. I have been twice to see the Resident but he was at St. Germans, as soon as we can meet we will contrive what can be done. I found my gentlewoman heer almost as bare of money as myselfe, I have therefore been forced to draw a bill of £100 upon Mr. Mawson at halfe usance, another time you shall have longer warning for the payment, but now coming just out of England I was ashamed to doe it. You doe not expect any newse yet from a man or that one has seen anybody. Mr. de Rohan and Mr. de Villars weare yesterday beheaded, their crimes are not said to be so heinous heer as we were tould in England. My Lady is so peart that I can not beleeve she was ill. She is very much your and your Lady's humble servant. I hope I need not say so for myselfe, for I'm sure you must either beleeve me so or the ungratefullest wretch alive.*

[*See Note in the middle of the next letter.*]

"I went on Munday to visit G (Mons. Pompone) at his master's house and had sum discourse with him with which he seemed much sattisfyed, but being interrupted there by busines he tould me he would cum next morning hither by eight a clock and so did and we weare locked up 2 howers togeather, where I made him such a discourse, and gave him so exact an account of the state of all things that I think truly I never seed man better sattisfyed in my life, and hee tould mee that he would rather in anything have me speake with 8 (the Fr. King) myselfe, for that it was impossible to carry all the perticulars so exactly in his head as I did, but that it would be difficult to contrive it as it ought to be with privacy. I had a paper in my pocket which had all the heads of my discourse in it, which I had wrot in French to facilitate my dis-

course a little, for you can not imagine it is alltogeather so familiar to me as my owne language, which I pulled out and shewed him, he was extremely pleased with it, and tould me if I durst trust him him with it hee gave me his honour noe man living should see it but 8 (the K. of France), and that he would on Thursday return it mee. I tould him with all my heart, but as they weare only my perticular thoughts and observations, and such as I considered (*indistinct*) he should give (*indistinct*) to them or me as I was. He replyed such things as I spoke must all wayes be cre[di]ted, for that though I tould them things they knew not before and went farther to the bottum, yet by all other circumstances they knew it was true, and that besides I must not count myselfe unknown to 8 (the Fr. King) or him, and so complimented mee. In fine hee tould mee he see the danger as well as I, mais quelle remede, I tould him to that as you may gues and that then I durst answer it with my head to secure them, but that there was noe mincing but they must absolutely trust A (the Duke), hee said there was noe difficulty in that but that I knew hee could say noething positive of himselfe, but that when he returned me my paper he made noe question but he should give me an other with it such as I could wish. He was very inquisitive how A (the Duke) was disposed about his daughter. I think they are sufficiently informed of and incensed against S (Lord Arlington) and for the discourse of underhand intelligence with R (the Hollanders) he swore it was false, hee asshured mee too that hee was now fully sattisfyed that it was A (the Duke) and onely hee and not S (Lord Arlington) had lately donn F (the Parliament) busines as much of it as was donn; in short I hope we are where we could wish."

*Endorsed* November 28, 74. *and a few signs.*

[Sir W. THROCKMORTON to . . . .]

[1674], December 1. Paris.—"*I gave you last post an accompt of my jorny and what this post to say to you I know not, and yet I'm sure you expect I should write to you. I have been at Courte and fancy that all men's minds there are much bent for peace, of which they conceave great hopes by the acceptation of our mediation, and weare it not for my Lord Arlington's jorny into Holl*[*and*] *and the match between the P*[*rince*] *and our young lady, which generally is talked of as an affaire fait, I thinke they could shew gaye countenances enough. This is my observation of the Courte in generall, of their statesmen and ministers you will not desire, knowing how little I am able to pry into them, to give you my thoughts, though I must tell you I have been to visit Mr. Le Pompone and most of the others, but I suppose you will gues right that that was more out of vanity to shew the world that I was knowne to such persons, than out of hopes to make any advantage by my visits. I have been to visit my Lady Shrewsbury, to whom Mr. Serjant is now Confessor, all I can say of that busines is that she makes strong resolutions, and he has great faith. Pray ashure your Lady that my wife and I am her humble servants, and salute all the rest for me who you thinke should be pleased with a brotherly kis.*"

[*The above is the first page of the letter in dark distinct ink. The next three pages are in the same hand and the same light brown ink as the interlineations of other letters.*]

. . [*an illegible figure*] "(Mr. Pompone) returned me my paper againe yesterday and told me 8 (French King) had been and was

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extremely sattisfied with it, that noething pleased him more than the assurance I thereby gave him of my confidence, that A: [the Duke] was resolved to continue his kind purposes to him, that he desired me that I would [as]hure A: (the Duke) that noething should turne him from his towar[dness] him, and that he should not rejoyce in anything more than to be able to help him to bee or to se . . . him by any meanes chiefe tutor for our company for that he very well knew that noething but that could secure [*so far all is underlined in black ink*] his owne stake there what therefore his sentiments of S (Lord Arlington) weare we might gues and how gladly ~~we should~~ (sic) he should see him disposed of as we desire, but that he thought his medling in it would rather hinder than advance [the de]signe. However that he was willing to receave directions from A: (the Duke) in it, and that he should allwayes be reddy to joyne and work with him in any designe he should judge for the good of the comon trade that as for the G (?) to be he judged it ad . . . . . [4 *or* 5 *words illegible*] wrecke (?) but that the feare being yet pretty far of and the P . .—R (Spaine, the Emperor, Holland) haveing chosen X (the King) for the umpire of the [dif]ference between them and him, he thinks he may stay a little in that part (?) till he hears from X (the King) upon his umpirage and see what course he intends to take for it, but that he absolutely relyed upon A: (the Duke) for the chusing of proper sides]men] in that busines, for that he put his only confidence in him for it. He tould me moreover that 8 (French King) would gladly have write to A: (the Duke) but for [fear] of accidents which might turne it to bothe their disadvantages, but that as he absolutely beleeved the accompt I gave him of the company and trade, and A: (the Duke) his great affection to him, though I had no order from A: (the Duke) for it because he very well knew how I was concerned for him, so he hop I . . . . . put y . . . . . confidence in this that I tould him from his part I tould him that all this was very true . . . . . but for all that to . . . . working for G (?) might be dangerous and that therefore I desired him to have 8 (the French King) to consider . . . . againe, that for my parte hee see I was an unemployed person in it and had noe other desire but their good as they weare comon traders, but that by what an right I had in the trade I thought they aught to loose noe time and to hazzard little accidents for soe great a good, for that at this rate of 3rd hand talking they would never [under]stand one another or effect anything, and though they . . . . me great honour to offer [me] soe much trust upon my private credit that . . . by that meanes and general talke they . . . . [ne]ver be able to carry on trade roundly; w . . parted then with this after . . . discourse and many arguments that he would again propose [2 *or* 3 *words illegible*] and that he thought my reasons weare soe convincing and kynd . . . . that he doupted not but 8 (the French King) would eyther [4 *or* 5 *words illegible*] to write and that in 4 or 5 dayes I should heare from him . . . . . Pray direct your letter A . . . M[ercier] au coine de la rue St. Benoit Fauxbourg St. Ge[rmaine] [*a line illegible*] the sum for you [*a line illegible*] I could of my . . nd heer and . . . others make halfe an O (50 m . .) try you what you [can] [3 *or* 4 *words illegible*] in case 8 should be backward in that part and that that ingredient should be requisite to carry on the work."

*Endorsed* "December 1674" *and some shorthand notes.*

[Sir W. Throckmorton to E. Coleman.] MSS. of Sir W. Fitzherbert.

[1674,] December 8. Paris.—"*Your Thursday's packet came yesterday, though I have noe letters perhaps they are not delivered all out yet and so I may have them anon. Your Munday's is not arrived, yet indeed we have had such boisterous . . . . . expect any certainty in them. The Ambassador whoe had his last night tells me there is not one word of newse from your side, and truly I think we can be quits with you, for though I was at St. Jermains yesterday I know not what in the world to tell you except you can be delighted to heare brave storys of the galantry that is to be there at Christmas, a new opera, maske, [pa]rades, and God knows what not. The Germans repassing the Rhine which I tould you in my last we had a hot story of, but yet I saw noe great reason for it proved indeed but a story, though it be true too sum regiments of hors and dragoons did pass it, but it is not to retire but to incomode if not block up Brisack on the side of the river. Brother Joseph is goeing back to-morrow to Antwerp. I must beg you to present my humble service to your Lady, and to whom else you think would care to receave it and I care to give it to. As to yourself I hope there remains nothing now to be said upon that score.*

[*See note in the middle of the last letter.*]

"I spoke with 6 (Pompone) again of whom I had almost the same story I gave you in my former, but that . . . ly had not had opportunity to speake to 8 (French King) yet about his writing . . . . . but that hee . . . . and much . . that, they seem to wonder much they heer noething from X (the King) yet upon this late busines . . . . . heer has had yet noe manner of orders but it concerns them as themselves say to have A: (the Duke) their frend in this busines, but yet I begin to doupt they would willingly engage him to be so through the reason of his own interest and as many fair words and what else you please but pens, and that that is the reason . . . . wave writing yet for feare of comeing to close dealing, that is F (the Parliament) is yet far off and they think can not possibly com to joyne till the spring, if in the meane time by A: (the Duke) his heartines for them which as I said they think his owne enterest and their great expressions of kindnes will engage him too, they can get a good accomodation and regulation among all the desenting . . . . rs they have their ayme if not they think the same price will doe 4 months hence as well to stop them as now though they are infinitely mistaken [as I tell you?] all I can for to keep that interest on foot against against them will certainly be the great . . . . . perhaps the only meanes . . . . . them of compassing what they so much desire . . . . . . . reddy money you know . . a heard thing especially to merchands, if you can think of anything more for me to say upon this score pray write it a freash that I may shew it them, that is what you think that they should see, for 6 (Pompone) desired me that I would let him know when I heard anything, but if I heer noething from you . [T] . think it is the best way to lett him alone a little, perhaps it may make the forwarder, especially if < (Swead) and R (Holland) courte X (the King) so much to draw him the won way and the other the contrary as I heer they doe, and if A: will but play that game cunningly he may certainly bring 8 (French King) to what he pleases, then (?) I must confes I would rather have him have 00 (£200,000) of K: (the catholiques) than 000 (£300,000) of 8 (the F King) that is to get G (Parliament dissolved) for that would shew 8 (French King) what A: (the D)

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was and would make him much more helpful and complai[sant] to him. But heer is the worck you'll say and I must confes it is such a one too as takes up my thoughts night and day, and I would have L (Coleman) think of it too for it would bee a great work as it is a difficult one and perhaps it is an absolute necessary one. I shall in a little time let you know somewhat certain from . . . . . but I believe I may venture to promise halfe a 0 (hundred thousand pounds) from hence sure a 0 (£100,000) on your side might be compased. The man I soe often spoke to you of in their busines is the best man in the world hee swearing it shall not stick at all his stake but A: (the Duke) shall be accomodated."

[*The passages from*

"F is yet far off" to "stop them as now";

"if A: will best play" to "complaisant to him";

"I may venture to promise" to the end,

*are underlined in black ink*].

[*Endorsed*] "December 8, 1674," *and a few shorthand marks.*

[SIR W. THROCKMORTON to E. COLEMAN].

[1674], December 15. Paris.—

"6 Came to town last night but I am of opinion still
*We have have had 3 pacquets com in within these 2 dayes,*
*which have brought the three of your letters for all*
*which I am very thankfull to you. I wonder much*
*you should not have receaved my first, I put it under*
*cover of one from my wife to your nurse it is there*
that I ought not to [sp]eak to him again till I hear . . .
*you must be pleased to enquire for it. I never . .*
from L (Coleman) and that for many reasons drawne both [fr]om
*mist you poste yet since I came but last, and then*
L: his owne letter from observation of things heer
*I had so little to say, especially Mr. Bernard being*
and from discourse which I had lately on the Exchange
*very importunate to have his seat, that I thought my wife*
with X (the King of England) his factor heer; he is certainly one of the
*might serve for covert as well as mine having a little*
shrewdest dealing men that I know, and that makes me
*busines too that called me owt, I could make you the same*
extremely close with him, pretending great ignorance
*excuse now for want of matter but that I feare you*
in all sort of comerce, but for all that his good . . [*torn off*]
*should suspect it weare rather lazines if I . . . . „*
me, as he would have me believe it, th . . . [*torn off*]
*you twice togeather, you shall therefore in . . . „*
turally from him, that we are never . . . . . [*torn off*]
*be pleased to know that I know noething at . . . . „*
is as after as he can contrive it, he . . . . [*torn off*]
*sober earnest wee have heard noething . . . . „*
. . ite of himselfe to dine with me which is a freedom
*of at least, from Mr. Turenne since wee have been tould*
you know not usually taken by Merchands, and
*that he is marched with near 15000 foot and 12000 horse with*
upon all little occasions . . . ting me, but he enters with
*a full-purpose to beat the Germans back over the Rhine*
with great seeming confidence and freedom into a dis-
*this is a pretty brisque enterprise, and the newes will be of*

course of the moste misterious points of our trade
*great consequence eyther for peace or war, perhaps*
now what his desire in this may be God knows
*this is an observation you might make in Eng*[*land*] *as*
but I'm sure if it be to pump me he shall lose it
*well as I heer; I will therefore say noe more but*
for I never discover more knowledge of anything than
*that I am your Ladys most humble servant*
a man of my converse in the world and general (?)
which he is well acquainted with must have . . . tainly be thought to have; or perhaps it may be that by that ould frendship I have had with L (Coleman) he may thinke to secure him by mee and so if trade goes naught on the other side, for you remember how C and D (Lord Berkeley and Sir E. Layton) have allwayes spoke of his behaviour between Z and S (D. Lauderdale and Lord Arlington) and how he they say have attached himself to the later, ingratiate himself at last with A: or perhaps he may have a reall intention of serving A: this if you please in charity and generosity we will believe but in prudence we will not trust too, and therefore [I] continue the same ignoramus, and the more full he is in his prayses of A: and in discourses of . . . X and Z and U (the King, D. Lauderdale, Lord Trevor) [the less] I eyther know [of their] concerns or anything else. Often we talke of 8 and 1 (French King, Mons. Louvoy) and 2 or 3 (warr, peace) and in this discourse he told me the day before yesterday that he found that 8 (French King) and his had great expectation of what S (Lord Arlington) should doe for them, nay that he beleeved they might have such [?] confidence in him or it, he wondered how they came by it for hee would have me to understand it was not by him now whether this be a wheedle of theirs upon him, or that hee intended it as one upon me I know not, but their backwardnes heer makes me suspect H (Mons. Ruvigny) has sum underhand dealing, and that hee may keep them heer in expectation of it, and that he . . . . . hand that it is time enough to think of G (Parliament dissolved) if that failes, and that A will let everything slip to secure G however for his own sake, and at last if all does faile that which we ask, they think is a sure card to make X and us doe what they list which noething else will: Now me Now me thinks indeed in my humble judgment I would not have A: faile [or taile] . . [*torn off*] . . . I would have him push with all the . . [*torn off*] . . . . may inable for G (Parl. dissolved) and I would have [*half a line torn and illegible*] . . for on my conscience [*one or two words torn off*] much in his power with 00 or 000 (£2 or 300000) . . doe it as with them, and then if he would give me leave methinks I could turn it infinitely more to his advantage by showing them how little hee wanted 00 or 000 to help him in that or anything . . . and that now if they would come upon terms to settle things equally and faire between us . . ., without which certainly noething can laste, . . . . wee will, being thereto led a little by interest but much more by inclination, geve them the preference and refusal in all bargains, but if not truly we may then truly tell them we must endeavour to make our best market. They know the advantage fortune has now more than ever put into our hands by giveing us the seales to hould wherein all European commodities must be erayed (?), and I hope then G (the dissolving the Parlt.) being compased A (the Duke) will never suffer X (the King) againe to quit, that if this doe not bring them to anything you can call reason I will

give you my head, for I must tell you 8 [or S] is mightily devided at this very hower in his thoughts and perhaps more agitated than ever he was in making any resolution haveing (?) or I am much mistaken one boote on and . . . . . ., a (fancyed ?) sum thing . . . . in him making him a little weary of what is on allreddy, and another thundering sumthing enclining him to boote and spur them both try your lady's letter and you will . . . . . ."

[*The letter is endorsed*) "Paris, December 1674–5," (*and at the head of the letter in the same hand as the endorsement*] "Mons. Pompone."

[SIR W. THROCKMORTON] to MRS. COLEMAN.

1674, December 15. Paris.

"*Thousand thanks deare madam for yours by Sir H. Fitz James* and with all this his chiefe frinds as 6 (Pompone) and 7 (Albert) *I ashure you the longer I am at Paris the more I shall* and 1 (Louvoy) as much devided about 2 (war) or 3 (peace) as is poss- *esteeme my owne country, not butt that I like Paris extream* ible. Now I say with all this if A: could strike *well, but cannot find itt soe farr exceed London as is said* that stroke without them you should see what an opera- *Yett one a good score. However I should be glad to settle in it.* tion it would have, now I say with all this *Mayn* [?] *you mention related cheefly to Mons. Barnard who* if A: could strike that stroke without them you should *I supose more a courtyer than a friend, pray letts know how je* see what an operation it would have, and on my *dans doth, I am sorry hee's relapsed, newes I have non and I* [*torn*] I believe a quarter of 0 (£100000) or les in the glistering *have got a sore eye soe dare say noe more but that* mettal to K (the King) himself in his owne pocket may *I am hartyly deare Madame yours . . . faithful humble sarvant I wish you a hapy mery Christmas*

sway as much upon an occasion with him as ten times as much to put into the comon stock or buy land with, and if such a busines [*3 or 4 words illegible*] for A: (the Duke) he may make his accompt on it when he please he shall not want it long for that purpose. I then resolve not to see 6 (Pompone) for these reasons [*one word illegible*] you say you had not spoke with A: (the Duke) but that he had had a long discourse with H (Ruvigny) which you know not what it was, nor what A: (the Duke) knew of (Lord Arlington) his busines nor what perhaps he now would have one doe. H. (Ruvigny) doupt . . [*one or two words illegible*] failed to write what he knew and what A: tould . . . I will not therefore com to them with my fingers in my mouth or to be caught [*one word torn*] that I resolve not [*one word torn*] them till I heer from you againe. You say not a word how the acceptation of X (the King) for umpire relishes with you, nor what X intends, whoe shall goe, and so forth, pray be plaine in all these points. Your derection is a Mr. Mercier au coine de la rue St. Benoist, Faubourg St. Germ[aine] . . . I have asked you [*one word illegible*] too but you forget it.

I wrote to you in my first letter to Mrs. Bradshaw about the £100, I doupt I must have more ere long, but you shall have six weeks time for it. What you wrote heer about my helping myself to money, that way which you mention is a ticklish point the man is of a jelous humor and if I should [do anything] should look like selfe interest I should spoile

all, you may be sure I say all too him [what you can] imagine, but I must not seem to aime at that but let it com of itself. Adieu, I am sure I am tired."

[*From*] "If A: could strike that stroke" [*to*] "for that purpose" [*is underlined in black ink*].

*Endorsed with the date and some signs.*

[SIR W. THROCKMORTON] to E. COLEMAN.

[1674,] December 29. [Paris.]—"Your letters are not yet com so I have noething to say upon that subject, and to the busines of our kinsman you know I can say noething neyther till I heer from you. Newse we have little. Mr. de Turenne his march has severed Monbeliard, and his letters of the 23rd say that hee having stayed sum time to make a great provision of bread, that hee might not for want of it be forced to anything hee had not a mind to, was resolved to march that day [with] the whole army towards the enemy who are now gathering together about Colmar in Alsace, and that if they did not think fitt to repas the Rhine but that they would stay him there, hee would fight them. The French counsels depend much upon the succes thereof for I doe not find that notwithstanding they have taken a resolution for the raising of a great number of French horse 6 weekes agoe and that money is reddy for it, that yet they [goe] on with it, and I believe the stop may proceed from thence to see the event, how well weighed their counsel is I know not. Brede I was tould yesterday was at last resolved on for the place of treaty, but whether this be absolute true I know not, though it was tould me by a good man whoe said to have it from Mr. de Tellier's owne mouth, but I can scarce beleeve the Prince of Orange will expose his juggle to the vewe of his owne people soe much as he will by having the treaty in the midst of them. You will heer of a defeat of some of the French troopes with Mr. de Turenne, and perhaps it may gather before it comes to you like a snow ball. The truth is this as Mr. de Lorges himselfe relates, that 300 foote and 50 horse being sent out under the comand of Mr. de Barlement, a co[lonel, were] cut of, the colonel and the captain of the hors both made prisoners, but that they defended themselves very exterordinarly well for many howers, killing above 80 of the enimy upon the place. To give you a more exact detalle is I thinke not necessary but may prove troublesome. I am your's and your silent lady's most humble servant."

*Endorsed* "Nothing in hit. No. 11 [or 41]."

—— to ——.

N.D.—"I am heartily glad to hear by your lady by your lady (*sic*) you will be returned to London to receave this which I pray loose no time to show his H. I wrote you word before you went that I thought I should soone bee in England, for I am confident they would have sent mee but your going into Flanders, of which they had notice before you could have been cros the sea, how I cannot emagine, but sure I am they tould me of it as soone as I came to the army, I suppose may have hindred that and retarded the propositions which I have order to make his H. till now, for they have been much disquieted about it, and I have had much adoe to ashure them that I was confident there was noething designed by it to their prejudice, for that I was sure the D. was as much by inclination as interest disposed to prefer their alliance and friendship to all others, and that they should take it for a certain rule that if they weare not wanting to themselves, we should never be wanting to them.

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The K. is . . heer is certainly disposed as much as can bee for the interests of his H :, but is wise and very cautious, however by these propositions which I have order to make to his H :, and which are word for word as I took them from Pere Ferrier's mouth, for I wrot them downe presently and shewed it him afterwards [to] keep it for my justification, that I wrote noe more than I was ordered, you will see that it onely now depends upon his H : to consider of a way that will best secure his interests, and withall a good correspondence with them heer, for that wee must allwayes perswade our selves is the thing they propose to themselves by it, I say let but his H : consider of that, and then what hee would aske of them heer in order to it, and I doupt not God willing if hee will honour me with with his instructions and comands but I shall procure him anything which in reason hee can expect eyther of money or anything else, if therefore his H : shall bee pleased to think well of this and proceed in it, I will meet you anywhere privately to receave his H : comands and instructions by you, or if hee will I doupt not but I can put myselfe in a private way to com for a night to receave his orders myselfe. I pray bee very cautious that there be noe suspetion given of any thing [of] this with you, for the K. is very scrupulous heer, even of some of his chiefest ministers, whome perhaps hee may apprehend people have been or at least have endeavoured to bee dealing with, and P : Ferrier possitively charged mee to communicate it to noe one living but the B : of Dublin, of whome they have a good opinion, for hee said they would have to doe in it with none but us, but I prevailed at last that I might doe it by you or Col : Talbot in England, for that being they would not yet let me goe myselfe it was impossible but I must employ sumbody therefor I could not else write to the D, and if I answered for you as myselfe, to which at last they consented, I intended to have taken the liberty to have wrot to his H : but this to you will I thinke doe better. I pray you therefore present my most humble duty to him, and if I have don anything amis in this it is for want of judgment not affection and duty, and I am shure of one thing that if perchance our councels should goe [an]other way I have don noething that can prejudice him, if they bee not, but that this alliance shall be judged advantageous, I have had the good fortune to worck myselfe into such an esteem and opinion heer with sum of the ablest to serve his H : that I am an honest man that I dare promis myselfe they will put confidence in mee, and I shall bee able to serve him, for to doe which I pray ashure his H : with all humility that I shall always be reddy to venture my life and fortune."

[*The whole of this letter is written in the light brown ink. The passage from* " for that I was shure the D." *to* " wanting to them," *is underlined in black ink.*]

To Mrs. COLLMAN in her Lodgings in the pell mell near St. James.

N.D.—I thinke I must state the case in writing againe and give it 6 (Pompone) to shew 8 (Fr. King). I doupt 9 (Bp. Dublin) sending to 1 (Louvoy) his father for you must know that 9 (Bp. Dublin) is the lyeingest rogue in the world has son don our busines noe good, for he speakes with confidence and

*Had it not . . . to have charges deare madame you had received*
*my thanks for your last long before this which now was designed*
*you by Mr. Oglethorpe . . this is to my sister Aymondsold but your*

*newes* [*?*] *last night changed it telling us the dismall news of Putney* makes them beleeve he is the Mr. in the world with A: (the Duke) and *which I am extream sorry for, but very well pleased she has soe good* tells them whatever he pleases, which must make them have *a comforter as your ladyship. Deare madame askure her of my most harty* a meane opinion of A: (the Duke), or if they doe or doe not absolutely *sarvice, and all imaginable care to serve her both as to the* beleeve him must make them the more diffident of R (Sir Will. Thr.) *telling itt and and putting Mis in morning, the first I will not be to* the truth is I wonder 6 (Pompone) does soe well with R (Sir W. Throg.) as he does *hasty in becase I desire a little your advice about the last . . .* considering that [*torn*] (By Dublin) speaks the contrary with as much *I could gladly stay for and may if luck serve have it in 10 dayes* authority as appears to them as R (Sir W. T.) does what he sayes *time, and I'll get stays &c. ready, cloth I think is not soe good heare . .* tould you all that was between him an I (Louvoy) his father *or soe cheap and the sumer will now draw on apace for I thinke . .* weekes agoe, for I trace him everywhere, and *crape or such a sort of thing will doe best in all respects, butt* sure never man made . . . . hood lyeing and knavery . . . . [*torn*] . . . . *in England, and my sisters and I will . . . . . .* his business as he does. I had yours of the 4th and *. . . to be informed exactly what the mode is heare for most great folks* if I think it as proper after a night's consideration *the warr has made morners. Mrs. Jane I think should have a gound and petycoat* as I've yet I may break it to 6 (Pompone) next time I see him for I like it very well.

Why should you not get H (Ruvigny) write to 6 (Pompone) the discourse L (Coleman) had with him and his likeing of it, it would help R (Sir W. Throg.) mightily at least it would give him sum more credit I am overjoyed to heer what you say about G (dissolving Parliament), though 000 (£300000) should not be compassed, not that it shall make me a jot the less active or solicitous for it, for I am I ashure you of your opinion as much as is possible that noething will settle businesses lastingly like joyning [*torn*] (Fr. King) and A:'s (the Duke) interests togeather, and when I tould you there might be an advantage made by gaining G (Parlt. dissolved) without 000 (£300000) I did not meane . . . [*7 or 8 words illegible*] . . 8 (Fr. King) but only that that would make those about 8 (Fr. King), seeing the power A: (the Duke) has, a little more reasonable, and that then they will [come] with A: (the Duke) to terms [and] accomodation more equall than now they will, and let us think or propose what we please it is certaine that noething but a [part ?] balance of things can keep their interests long linked, and therefore I judged it for A: (the Duke) *of some kind of crape or other for there is cheaper heare I beleive than in England* advantage by such an action to gaine that reputation *and according as it is bye it heare, or else leave it till she comes over* with them as shall shew them their benefit of coming *But my sister must lett me know whether she'll pay for the makeing* [to] such an accomodation with him . . . which then *or noe, let mee know her mind with the first and accordingly I'll*

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may keep their amity linked fast for all their
*rite by Mr. Oglethorpe to-morrow, you shall have . . . . Adue deare*
lives, I never was blinder nor wearier in
*Madame and beleeve mee ever your faithfull humble sarvant. Cloth surge*
my life so adieu. I could not help the £100 bill
*or such things will be both dearer for Mrs. Jane eyther heere or in . . . .*
for my soule. Pray tell Maurin I have don . . .
[*Two lines illegible.*]"

[SIR W. THROCKMORTON to E. COLEMAN.]

1674–5, January 9. [Paris.]
I tould you where I was yesterday but 6 said noething to me
*I have had . . . . my last to you both yours of the 21st and 24th*
indeed I did not see him at his owne howse nor did not
*last past and the enclosed to Mr. Bernard in the later which after have-*
think it fit till I heer from you what you said in yours of
*ing shewed D. G. I have sent him but heare not how he relishes*
the [31st ?] in French which I tould you I could not reade if
*it not haveing seen him since, but I am a little of your Lady's mind*
hee had accoasted me in . . . . . I would have
*that you have not made your courte over well by it. Your Lady has*
. . . . best I could with what I did . . . out but to goe
*at last opened her mouth as you call it for my wife has had*
. . . . . without certaine knowledge of what
*the honour of a letter from her, which shee this morning before*
you meant I thought was not prudent. I am glad [M's ?]
*her eyes were open called for a fire in her chamber that she*
supper took soe well but I . . . . . you doe you
*might rise to answer, but I undertooke thnt you would asshure*
will be laughed at as well as ruined . . . . . my
*your Lady of the receipt of it and make her compliments too*
temper soe well as you doe. I beleeve they are not
*which upon my accompt pray doe for I think I deserve*
easy heer with G. his long stay for though 8 his brother
*it haveing saved you 10d., though not to exact too much*
know not much of the trade, nor is one that one can take meaning
*from you neyther there was sum selfe consideration*
by, yet I perceived by him that they were alarumed.
*in it too, for perhaps I saved myselfe noe lesse in fier*
I long hugely for a letter from you that I may see 6, pray
*I went yesterday to St. Jermain on purpose to heer what*
be careful in writing, for that paper is naught and you
*was said there concerning Mr. de Turenne. In the first place*
blot mightely. I know not what to make of this busines
*the King and his ministers say they have had noe courier*
of Turenne, it is strange to me they should know noething
*nor direct newes from Mr. Turenne these 12 dayes which is what*
in 12 dayes, it is certain much depends on it, you
[*hear if it goes on*] . . . *the busines I tould you in my last and the accompt of that*
must make the best of it though I write you cleerly how
*for aught I heer they pretend to have noe other way neyther*

I take it to be, and the truth is I doe not thinke there
*but by a servant of the Count of Broglins whoe came to fetch a*
has been a battle, or that they are retreated neyther, but
*chirurgeon for his master, by whome was given such an accompt*
that is it undoes the 8 his busines. Be sure if you can that
*as you have seen by the foregoing poste, a 2d. accompt which*
A : never pardons the insolence you mention. Grotian is
*was published yesterday morning is a letter from a comissary*
about to buy Abselys place, I know not if the Duke be
*of the munition at Langres to Mr. de Louvoy in which he tells him*
yet made acquainted with it for I have it as a great
*by the by after haveing spoke to his busines that he had received a letter*
secret, but be sure you doe what you can to hinder it for
*from another comissary in the army who tould him that Mons.*
he is the malitiousest rogue alive, I can not tell you
*de Turenne had forced a pas over a little river, that they dis-*
all I know of him heare, how he takes when he thinks
*puted it hard, that wee lost a good number of hors in the action*
himself safe J (D. of Monmouth) his parte against A : (the Duke) his
interest
*but that in time they possest themselves of it with great*
the Duke may have his choise from my knowledge of 2
*losse to the enemy takeing several colours and much baggage*
or 3 . . . . . gentlemen that have double his estate and
*and that now they had the passage open to Brisack, that hee would*
I daresay will venture it all to obey and execute
*say noe more of it beleeving they had the detalle of all at courte*
his just comands, and will stick to him and have interest
*long before now, in this the man was mistaken for we owne*
in their countreys too. I have done all my endeavour
*noe such thing at Courte but conclude our couriers must be*
to informe myself of 8 his stock for the next yeers
*taken or killed, however I finde that they all conclude that this action and*
trade, and truly all people concerned in it affirm it is
*that Count Broglins man speaks of, this last being not dated, is the same*
great, yet I can not imagine what makes them soe backward
*The Comissary tells you farther that the army weare near one the other*
*and that*
in equipping for the summers voyage as they are if it be
*infallibly if the enemy retreated not Mr. Turenne would fight in a day*
*or two, which was*
not want of monny reddy. What meane you by A :'s not knowing of
your writing
*likely enough he having orders for it and now a passage open to him,*
*but that the*
I beleeve my [Lunt : ?] voyage was none of A :'s . . diate imprudence
but it
*communication is soe free between him and Brisack for all that, truly*
*I can not well com-*
was to satisfy her vanity which he ought by no meanes to have
*prehend for I'm sure they are much stronger in hors than hee and*
*therefore methinks*
consented too, for such synes of her power with him still makes even
*till they are beaten visits should not be very safe. This relation of the*
*letter bends*
those whoe love him well feare the truth of the strong report that she

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*severall other people of quality, I had as I give it you from Monsieur Crene . . . . .*
is with childe againe. As to the thing itselfe it is to his own con-
*an other story they had that the Germans had laid a bridge over the Rhine and that infallibly*
[sic] quences, but I am sure in prudence it ought to be very covertly for
*partof their army would retreat over there, and the others at Strausburg, but how*
for certainly noething will doe him soe much good in X his family
*they came by this infallibility of knowledge truly I could not learne neyther, all I*
and with all his tennants in the country especially, let them be of what
*can therefore tell you of certainty is that K. Lewis has still the same brave manlike*
religion they will, as a persuasion of his virtue and truth
*looks that ever he had. I could wish N's frend hanged as she intended L but for the new*
< will certainly [declare news?] if he had don it six weeks agoe
*relation shee has to me, which will not suffer me to say so at least, but what a devill shall I*
it had certainly been a considerable service for 8 for it had eased the
*doe with her, I can not imagine I vow. It seems I must taste of all sorts of afflictions.*
gentleman in I. much by the diversion whoe now must beare the whole brunt of it alone. Adieu.

(P.S.) Just now the Marquis de St. Prery comes in from St. Germans . . . . . there was noe other newes this morning . . . there from the army but what I have writ to you."

[*Endorsed*] "Jan. 9. 1675–6. *Some signs and*
1 D 7 Monm. M I D."

[*All the writing in this letter is smaller and less distinct than that in the former letters*].

——— to [E. COLEMAN].

1674–5, January 12.—I have not yet received Monday's letters. Turenne has gained a great advantage over the confederates. The news had been delayed by the capture of a courier. They had been very uneasy at not receiving news, and few believed that they had not received any.

A short account of the battle or battles.

[*There are faint traces of writing in light brown ink between the lines, but only a single word here and there is legible.*]

[—— to ——.]

[1675], January 19. [Paris.]—I tould you in my last that I had mist of 6 (Pompone) but would goe againe
*I am very sorry to heer how it is at last ended with our frend*
on Wendesday which I did and discoursed your letter to him as
*I am afraid poor man he was not prepared for such a jorny, you*
fully as I could for though I was twice with him that day yet
*may be sure all shall be done for his daughter imaginable, truly*
we weare interrupted both times, I thinke I tould him
*she deserves it for she behaves herselfe soe well that all the world*
however as much as you could desire and he had noething
*loves her, your freend Mr. le Brune's landlord is hugely taken with her*
to contradict the great advantage I maintained it would

*I could wish for more than one reason it were a match £9000*
be for him to gaine G (the Parlt. dissolved) nay he granted me it would bee
*a yeer is a brave estate especially in so worthy a man's hands, and*
of greater advantage for him than anything < (Sweade) could doe
*for that which sum people perhaps would make an objection is one*
doe for him, but yet he said plainly in the circumstances
*of the cheefe reasons makes me desirous of it, you gues what I mean*
8 (Fr. King) was in it was impossible for him to part with 000
*and I beleeve the mother would heare reason enough upon it too*
though for never soe great a benefit. I asshured him A
*but pray say not a word of this however to anybody, for I am*
was noe more positive for 000 (£300000) nor did noe more value
*for I am sure if he should intend it, he would scorne to doe it without*
it than he did durt, and that he very well knew X (the King) might doe
. . *mother, for he is the orderlyst man in the world. I pray*
. . well without him too as with him, but that if X (the King) was
. . . . . *that noebody is more her humble servant*
. . . such a humour that noething but that could prevaile with
*than I am, God comfort her about her landlady though I doe*
him what was there to be said to it, yet I was sure if A (the Duke) un-
*not beleeve you had any hand in it.*
dertooke it, he would doe for 8 (the French King) as for his own soule and that therefore if 8 (the Fr. King) durst but play an open game with A (the Duke) as A doeth with 8 had with confidence put the busines in his hands, I was sure if it weare in his power he would persuade X (the King) to take the meanest of 000 (£300000) relations in 000 (£300000) his roome, for as I said before he knows it is more to sattisfy X (the King) his humour than for any real want of 000 (£300000) and therefore to be sure if he could persuade X (the King) to take the meanest of 000 (£300000) relations, in the stead of 000 though hee weare not of 0 (£100000) his force hee would, or if A (the Duke) could by any meanes raise any of his owne relations to neer the degree of 000 (£300000), he would never have entertained a thought of accepting 000 (£300000) from 8 (the French King) for I ashured him A (the Duke) scorned to have any private designe upon 000 (£300000) for himselfe and so did A's friends too L (Coleman) and R (Throckmorton) whoe wished but for all their good, that the thing must be donn, but cared not one farthing which way. 6 (Pompone) tould me that A (the Duke) and H (Ruvigny) . very great, and that A opened himselfe with . . . . . -fidence to him, and 6 (Pompone) seemed to hint that yet A had never urged for 000 (£300000) to him and therefore civily seemed to infer as if it were more L (Coleman) and R's (Throckmorton) pressing than A's (the Duke) I tould him that I beleeved A (the Duke) had never mentioned it to"

[*A loose sheet, written in the same ink and hand as the above, which seems to be the continuation of this letter.*]

"H. (Ruvigny) for that I was sure he would never ask it by him [or] anybody else. I ashured him L (Coleman) or R (Throckmorton) cared so little for the thing that I durst in their names ask him to employ anybody else in it, and to shew him that they had noe designe in it but X (the King) and A:'s (the Duke) service and the comon good, which will make them [as] much concerned for 8 (Fr. King) as for the other two, he should find that they would continue to doe the same good offices though they weare not trusted by him, that ever they had don. That it was possible enough they might have been misrepresented by

such people as wished 8 (Fr. King) as little good as them, and that perhaps A: (the Duke) himself [had not] escaped them, but that a little time would shew which was which. I asked him with a little scorn what great service G. (Lord Arlington) had done him with R (Holland), he smiled and shooke his head; I asked them then how they would beare it if he should [be . . . .] for that I did not doupt but H (Ruvigny) had tould him of the designe, he seemed to be surprised at it and tould me truly he had not heard of it; in fine being interrupted againe hee desired me me that we might have sum dis course an other time and so we parted. What you will make of this I know not, but I will sum time hence, when I heer from you more, see him againe, for the present I can not I have such a swelled face with goeing to him the other day when I was ill allreddy, that it is not possible for me to goe out. The truth of it is I beleeve they doe not know how to parte with 000 (£300000) as times are with them now, beside perhaps they rely upon A:'s (the Duke) doeing it without the help of 000 (£300000) and perhaps beleeve, and not without sum reason, that all that . . (Coleman) . . (Throckmorton) tell them is without book and for private ends, and farther perhaps they knowing the natural kyndness X (the King) has for 000 (£300000) conclude, let me say what I can, that [at] the last push 00 (£200000) will prevaile with X (the King) to doe what 8 (Fr. King) desires, and so resolve to let A: try what he can doe alone first. I must, to be just, not forget to tell you that there weare all the fine and kind things imaginable said of 8 (Fr. King) his [aide] to A: (the Duke), but you know what are words and what are deeds. Try your lady's letter that's . . . .!" [*A note*] "See your Lady's letter."

[——] to Colleman Esq., Secretary to her R. Highnes at his Lodgings in the pell mell neare St. Jameses, London. Anjleterre.

1674–5, February 6. Paris.

I count myself most exterordinarly unhappy that
*I receaved yours on Munday night of the 21st last past* [*torn*]
illness has hindred my seeing 6 (Pompone) since businesses
*I was soe ill I could not read it being twice let blood*
goe with G (Lord Arlington) as they doe, I ashure you if it had been with
*that day, I have now at this time a glister in my belly*
but that hassard of my life had laine at stake I should
*so that I make as wry faces as lines though all appre-*
have ventured it to have given you an answer this
*hensions of ill I thanke God are past. I would not*
poste but it would have alarumed all the world to
*however mis you a post whilst I can write though*
see one goe out in such a condition, by the next poste
*I am not able to tell you anything more but that*
however I promise you an answer for I [*torn*]
*I am your's and your lady's most obedient servant.*
speake or write to him, if H (Ruvigny) has but in any menire
*Pray give this enclosed to the person mentioned in my*
don his parte I promis you I will doe mine, and if
*last post, for it is the same should have gone*
8 (the Fr. King) will doe noething I know not how to help it, but
*then, and if there be any answer to it as is ex-*
the truth is he has so meane an opinion of X (the King) and
*pected, be pleased to let it be conveyed as*

all his partners that I doupt he thinks scarce anything they *you had this. Adieu.*
can doe worth 000 (£300000), it must be therefore I beleeve sumthing imediately from A : (the Duke) that I must tell him that will perswade him to hope for better things when he shall govern. Adieu I can say noe more."

[—— to E. COLEMAN.]

[1675,] March 23.

" It is I whoe ought to dispaire of being understood
for I find I am not at all, [the mis]tery was not about the concurring
*I had deare Ned since I wrot last to you both yours of*
or not concurring, but that is past now and it is vaine to spend
*the 2d and the 8th, but that of the 22d past I have hithertoo*
time and paper paper to canvase it, I doe beleeve that if I had
*heard noething of. I am glad my Lord Berkley goes ple-*
halfe in my head that you have I should not doe the quarter part soe well
*nipotentiary, I hope he is pleased now and Sir Ell. Layton*
and I am very sensible how you are put to it for monny and how
*too, I hope you say compliments now and then from me to*
much I encrease your troble in it, but pray doe not beleeve that that
*them, though I give you not the troble of desiring you.*
lessens mine at all, but on the contrary it has made me almost
*I doe not know the gentleman you meane as you name him to*
distracted, and so peevish now and then that I have scarce known
*me that you would have me goe to visit, but that I may* [*not*]
what I have writ or said for the devil take me if I doe . . . . .
*faile till you write to me againe I will visit all comers*
that I would rather at any time have given a finger than draw
*that I can any wayes judge to be likely to be the man.*
a bil upon you, knowing your circumstances, I have not seen
*My Lord Marshall I heer came last night, or at least was*
6 yet, I have not been very well, that is not so well to waight
*expected. Mr. de Thuly came the night before. We have*
for him to have as it weare an accidental oportunity for
*noe newse at all, at least I know none, the truth is I have*
unles you bid me absolutely I still think it not proper
*not been very well with . . eat this week and goe not much*
for me to goe on purpose to him. R (Throckmorton) has tould
L (Coleman) all [he]
*abroad, I shall therefore troble you with noething more*
could about his frinds, and the truth of it is I doe not see
*at present but the ashurance of my being yours most faithfully.*
how it is possible for him considering the circumstances [*one or two words illegible*] to them that L (Coleman) seems to expect, and he should be as glad as L (Coleman) to compas. R (Throckmorton) is much trobled about A. for he feares he has been misunderstood, it is not but whatever he has writ of these frinds he is still ashured they will make good, that is whence once they have made an acquaintance with A : (the Duke) they will serve him with all that they have in the world, he does not meane by the acquaintance that A : (the Duke) shall ta . . . upon them, or that they are so vaine to expect he should unbusum himselfe to them save a faire reception such as becomes him [and] them will please them much, and then that they see him put in a practice a little what you say he so much resolves, it is not what they suspect himself perhaps [*a line illegible*] . . of his personal vertues, but I

know they are much startled to see all sorts of rogues countenanced about him as much as ever; they and I know [*2 or 3 words illegible*] 9 (Bp. of Dublin) has said that his brother has secured himselfe. for that he had made his peace with F's (Parliament) frinds and particularly with him and his caball [*2 words illegible*] turned out of the same place to him that L (Coleman) is [to an]other, he brags publiquely of the power [his bro]ther has still with A: (the Duke) R (Throckmorton) knows that in great part this last is a lye, but R (Throckmorton) cannot deny that A: (the Duke) uses him . . . . so, which these frinds of his whoe see things a little at a greater distance than he has don have reason enough to suspect that he may discover [enough] of A: to betray A: and them too should they doe anything whilest hee and sum such which I cannot so safely describe continue about A: sum of these men entend to be about Easter in your toune, you shall see them, and you shall take a safe opertunity to carry them to A:, and I am confident it is not onely this that you speake of but their skins that A: may have of them. But if I should propose any such thing to you now, with all these circumstances of A:'s not joyning with L absolutely in his resolution concerning such a thing, and then they with all these feares and suspetions, which their seeing A: and discoursing with you will dissipate, I say if I should pres such a thing to them [*one word illegible*] it would perhaps [make] them suspect R (Throckmorton) and L (Coleman) too to be of the same mind as 9 (Bp. of Dublin) brother onely for to get for themselves, and so put them wholly of of the busines of serving A: (the Duke) being thereby perswaded that it is A:'s fortune or folly always to be encompased and advised by knaves. The sobrest men whoe cum over from you say that X (the King) and A: (the Duke) weare never kinder in their lives, pray God they be so heartily, and then I have sum little fancy that serves me instead of the secret which you said you weare not yet permitted to discover to mee. I can with this lay [pre]sume that A: (the Duke) may be in a pretty good condition, but without that I ashure you it seems very desperate to mee, for I ashure you I have of late apprehended X (the King) more than F (the Parliament) for him, pray cheer us a little if you can, and tell us as much as you can with safety how things stand between them, and in all other circumstances, for unles G (Lord Arlington) been able to drawe of X (the King) who[ll]y from A: (the Duke) and that X (the King) is party to it, I feare noething for A: (the Duke), but on the contrary all this may worck to good [it *or* A] against the other ⌒ (heretiques) as well as K (Catholiques). Adieu, pardon all frailtys and beleeve me yours constantly."

——— to MONS. JEROME BOTEMAN chez Madame Helstop vis a vis L'Ambassadeur de Portugal dans le Pelmel a Londre.

[1674–5,] February 20.—"I am not at all [surprised] at what I heer of U (Lord Treasurer) [*another name illegible*] it would have been much had thi[ngs b]in otherwyse than they have [*one word torn off*] let us remember Dr. Crytons cat and wee never will confide in them or rely so much

Monsieur

on them as that anything they doe shall be able to dismay us, and I hope A: (the Duke) is not at all by what has hapned yet. R (Throckmorton) has done what has been in his power with 6 (Pompone), the whole busines, as he has tould you in his 2 former, is put into H (Ruvigny) his hands, and truly as much as appeared to R (Sir W. Throckmorton) with auspicious circumstances enough, it is

*J'ay mis Madamoiselle Cortnay entre les mains d'une forte honeste*
therefore now between A (the Duke) and H(Ruvigny) for it seems
to R (Throckmorton) that the thing must
*femme, dans le même chariot il y avoit un merchant*
be done by R (Throckmorton) or that they have not a designe of doeing
it at all, and
*Anglois, et de bonne compaignie pour elle, je luy ay donné*
if it should happen to be the later for Jesus sake be not dejected at it,
*20 skelins outre les 20 que vous luy avez donné a Londre*
but on the contrary encourage and comfort A: (the Duke) all you can,
for on my
*je n'ay oser luy donner la reste de £5 puis que vous ne m'en*
soule and conscience without affecting the preacher, I dare confidently
*avez pas donner ordre, nous nous somme donc separer le*
utter my opinion that God intends it for his good and that if he please
*vendredy . . . [illegible] . . . . samedy ou soir la ou*
but now to make use of those rare vertues of courage and constancy
*j'ay trouver tous le monde en parfaite santé, mais mon mal*
[with] which heaven has endued him, all this will turn to his glory and
ad-
*heur est que je ne puisse pas passer avant le 24 . . .*
vantage. My humble opinion in his case then if I might give it
*que la carosse ne passe que tous les dimanche, tout le monde*
*. . [illegible] . . . .* that if 8 (Fr. King) shall still continue to
dodge and
*icy vous salue, j'ay delivré toutes les lettres de Madame*
[give] A: (the Duke) noe vigorous assistance for G (dissolving Parlt.)
that the A: shall not continue
*Mons. le Docteur est à Roan, si je vous puisse rendre*
to shuffle betweene G (Parlt. dissolved) and F (the Parlt.) as I have
given you my reasons in my former
*quelque autre service lorsque je seray au Mans je vous*
letters, but in God's name let F (Parlt.) proceed and prosecute his sute.
*prie de commander.*

It is true this is not the way one would have chosen if 8 (Fr. King) would have been perswaded *Monsieur* to understand his owne interest but if that can not bee, what great prejudice can accrue to A: by F (the Parlt.). None in the world say I *Votre tres humble et tres*
if he pleases but with magnaminity and scorn to shake of those little wretches and their counsels whom he has with so

*obeissant servitens Brebion.*

much patience [hither]too suffered to baite him, continually to stoope and sneake to F (the Parliament) [*a word torn off*] resolve never to receave them [ag]aine that have once betrayed him. [*One or two words torn off*] the other side put on . . . [cou]ntenance but [. with . all] a mind full of noble and vertuous resolution and courage which will make him look bouldly upon his worst, and make good use of his best fortune. I say if he pleases but to doe things and besides [3 *or* 4 *words illegible*] by the regulation of his family [1 *or* 2 *words illegible*] as the vertuous conduct of his owne person, how much he abhors and detests the debauchery of X (the King) his howse, which has made it so odious to all the nation and the world, hee will find that hee will have all the wise, sober, good, people, and such as are worth having, as well ⊥ (Protestants) as K (Catholiques) on his side, and he shall have [the fortune ?] to see U (Lord Treasurer) and Z (D. Lauderdale)

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and G (L. Arlington) and all the rest of that crue knock themselves to peeces with F (the Parliament), and his resolution, and courage, and vertuous behaviour will not only keep F (the Parliament) at a bay [3 *or* 4 *words illegible*] but will keep him also in his [owne] bounds [*two words illegible*], for it is by X (the King) his stooping to F (the Parliament) that prejudice and disreputation will in great measure redound upon A: (the Duke) that A: is to apprehend damage from, now this A: his resolution will in great mesure prevent by keeping F (the Parliament) in sum sorte within his limits, and it will over and above, when G (L. Arlington) and U (L. Treasurer) and Z (D. Lauderdale) shall have brused one another and be at last all crushed by F (the Parliament) necessitate X (the King) to throw himselfe into A:'s (the Duke) armes, whoe by that time shall not onely be strong in reputation, but in reallity too by the conjunction with him of all [good and vertuous] and generous men of whatsoever party, with which then he shall usefully be able to serve X (the King) and himselfe, for bee not persuaded that L (the Protestants) and K (Catholiques) make a difference in this point, but between such as are rogues and denye a faction. And to shew you that this opinion is not onely speculative but that I can give you a prove that A:'s (the Duke) cause by what is hapned yet is not at all lost or deemed desperate in the opinion of [*two words illegible*] . . en [*one word torn*] you find that A. is disposed to take this way and this way defend his birthright, his honour, and his conscience all together, I will then make you a proposition of a number of persons whoe you will not doupt have honour, and courage by this their resolution, and I ashure you are reckoned among the sobrest and wisest part of the nation most L (Protestants) [and ?] have at least in shew and £4000 or £5000 a yeer a peece, whoe ask [in this re]spect noe reward or offices, but only ask that A. (the Duke) will give them ashurance that hee will no[t be per]suaded heerafter to abandon his owne intrest and them, and they will give him all the ashurance [on oth]er sides [*one or two words illegible*] desire, that themselves and their fortunes shall sink and swim with him, and these are such as I dare answer shall perform their promis, and not doe as U (L. Treasurer) and Z (D. Lauderdale), and sum of them perhaps have good intrest with F (the Parliament) too, that is are of the same family, but [*one or two words illegible*] weare of his cabal, but I am engaged upon my honour not to discover them till I know A. (the Duke) will take that course that they may be useful to him, for they are unwilling, as you will beleeve they have reason, to expose themselves and fortunes, and doe A. noe service neyther. For to deal plainly with you they are soe afraid of sum that A. (the Duke) has about him, whoe they say betray him and would doe them so too, that they by no meanes dare discover themselves [though] their hearts they [say are] for A.'s cause and his dis[po]sition which keeps multitudes of others in the same suspense say they. For they all avow that it is not his being for K (the Catholiques) startles them, they ask but A. to be resolved to continue governing himselfe with vertue and moderation to throw of such people as they say are about him and betray him, and then give them his word and they will stick by him against G (L. Arlington) his party and sum of F.'s (the Parliament) too, but if ever he receaves any that have betrayed hee will goe nigh to ruin X (the King) his fortune, that is allwayes abused by knaves when they see it for their purpose and never trusted nor relyed on by honest [men]. I had your's of the 4th just now. Mr. Boteman sets out on Sunday."

*Endorsed with* 3 *or* 4 *lines of signs.*

—— to E. Coleman.

[1675,] April 10. [Paris.]—"The post is of late very slow for we have not your Thursday's letters yet. I have therefore but very little to say to you, for heere is noe newse at all, that I heere of at least."

The business of Bordeaux is ended. It seems likely to be an ill precedent.

I will be civil to the gentleman introduced in your last letter. I will communicate all news to you as I do to Mr. Tuly. I have given my opinion on his affair two posts ago, and my judgment on the proposed union.

"I doe not doubt but you will be very cautious and circumspect, I can not however but feare knaves have great advantage over an honest man. I long to have an answer of mine by Capt. Bourgh. I sometimes fancy I could be servisable to my cousin A (the Duke) in the terme, if it weare but to goe ofer roads and help a little to instruct his counsel, but that is as you shall judge . . &c. . . . . P.S.—I have had this enclosed by me a fortnight in hopes of an oportunity of sending it another way, but I dare not venture the young lady's indignation any longer. I hope it will cost you noething. I will put it up to the best advantage."

[*Endorsed*] "Nothing. No. 42."

[—— to E. Coleman.]

[1675,] April 17. [Paris.]—"Dear Ned, heering noething from you
this post nor you saying not a word in your 2 former
*Having been to visit my wife I have seen noebody since*
that you had any of my leters or tooke any notice of what
*I came back and therefore have not one word of newse*
I said in them, I know not whether you may have
*to tell you, I must onely owne the receipt of your 2 letters which*
receav'd them, which puts me in sum paine I
*I told you in my last I had not for they both came an*
tould you in sum of them of 9 (B. Dublin) I spoke my opinion
*hower after I had sent mine, vid: that of Thursday was sea-*
of his brother, and the . . . proposed, and I wrote
*vennight last with one in it to D: S: which I delivered, and*
twice also about Mr. de Tuly, I wrote you also a
*the newse letter of Monday following, but by this last post*
long letter by Capt. Bourgh, and of all this you take
*which came in yesterday, which should have been of thurs-*
noe notice which makes me doupt they are mis-
*day last the 1st of April I had none from you though I had*
carryed, what I have said at any time concerning my-
*several others and therefore if you writ I conclude*
selfe is not out of any uneasines of my own skin
*it is miscarryed. Pray doe me the favour to tell my friend*
or consideration of myselfe but of others where-
*Mr. Boteman that I had his cheese and that it was very good*
of you are the chief, my zeale to serve my country
*and that I thanke him kindly, but that my wife's thing hee*
is I ashure you as great as ever it was and if
*speaks of there is noe newes of it. My wife is pretty*
for promoting or endeavoring that now I beg all my live
*well and much your humble servant. Betty is mightily improved*
. . . . . after I shall not repine at it but all that

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. . . *girle fancys herself a princes too, being companion*
I say and meane is that if I cannot be servisable to
*to 2 or 3 there where she is of her owne age, whoe are*
him as I am sure I am not now to him heer it
*all very fond of her. I pray be pleased to present my*
vexes me to the heart that I put you to all these . .
*humble service to your Lady and allow me the favour to*
. . . without doeing him any good, and therefore
*subscribe your most faithful humble servant*

I would have you consider if I can not sum way serve him, or if to ease you he could not put me in the wars where I might have livelyhood, or else if you think not best that I return, and I call God to witnes I consider you more than myself in all this for I know how you are put to it, and that I cannot ease you in one shill[ing] and this before God is all that trobles me, for as to an estate or fortune I thanke God it shall never breake my heart, I mean the want of it, but as long as I have a foot of land, eyther present or reversion, you may account yourselfe master of it, for you know our friendship has been such a great while that you might command me and what I had, but in especially upon this occasion you shall have power to dispose of it tomorrow and I will trust Providence for the future, and this upon my salvation is true. Therefore after all I have said I can only ad consider it and yourselfe, and dispose of me as you please. Pray be careful of yourselfe for I am assured there are people who are resolved to ruin you I mean even in A's (the Duke's) good opinion. 9 (Bp. of Dublin) and his brother are desparate villaines and care not what they doe, the first is the greatest rogue alive. It is not possible for you to imagine how great a villaine hee is, noe I believe there was never such another born. Adieu, God keep you. I am reddy to goe or doe anything when you will."

*Endorsed* "Warns him about his enemys about the Duke, calls Bp. of Dublin and his brother villaines &c."

[——] to E. COLEMAN.

[1675,] April 27.—[Paris.] "When I tell you I have not yet been able to read any of your three letters you will not wonder I mist you last post, nor would I write now to any[one] . . . in the world but yourself to tell you [that] . . . within a fewe howers after my last to you an unlucky accident was like for ever to have saved you all trobles from me in short I was run through the thigh into the groyne which cutting all those great vessels there caused me to loose more blood than ordinary men have in their bodys. My life the best chirurgeons of Paris tell me is secured, how it may be for the use of my leg because of the nerves I can not yet tell. I tell you noething of the busines because if I can conceal it none in world shall know it, fewe in Paris yet know that I am hurt, nor shall they if I can help it, wherefore dear Ned if you should heer talke of it that I am very ill or so say that weare strange for I never mist you but one post these six moneths. My landlord is very kind to me and will be a great helpe to me in this business. Adieu I have don to much alreddy."

*Endorsed* "No. 45. Nothing. [*and*] ii."

[*The handwriting is the same as the secret writing of other letters.*]

[—— to E. COLEMAN.]

1675, May 1. [Paris.]—"I have received all your letters since my last and have also communicated the last to all your frinds as you desired. I find you have not understood me formerly, but that is past

and if it please God to spare my life bread and water in any corner is too good for me, so it is not much matter as to me how anything goes. As for my [cousin] A pray God he was well advised in his last generous speech you mention in yours, silence in my poor judgment would better have suited his affaires. As for myselfe heer is the 12th day that I lye upon my back not able to turn me in my bed. Feavor God be thanked I have little now, and perhaps you would wonder I should have any, being almost every day let blood besides 3 or 4 quarts of blood I lost at first, and taking noething in the world but barly water, not so much as one crumb of bread since I was hurt. I have 3 the ablest chirurgeons in Paris who exercise their talents upon me frequently in making incisions &c., one you will perhaps say is more than the care of my carcase deserves, and truly so say I too for how to pay them at last I know not but by giving them the skin they have made sporte with so long, but it was the kindnes of those whoe vallew my life more than I doe whoe brought them when I was not in a condition to resist. The trunck with linnen you mention is at the Lady Wymondesly, Jenny Pary knows where, it is not worth the charge to send you the key, but pray take and open it at your howse, and use what you please of it, which sure you might have done without your formal asking leave. Adieu dear Ned, I am almoste tired to death though this be a 2 dayes work. Sinews and arterys being cut cause me convulsions which much distemper me."

*Endorsed* "Mentions a speech of the Duke's, prays God it may not have hurt him, he thinks silence had been better. No. 43."

——— to ———

[*Only the latter portion of a letter, all written in the light coloured ink.*]

"vous son nailterey. These are my instructions word for word. I have sent you this by an expres whom I have tould that it is of great concern to my private fortune &c. which he beleeves. He is an h[onest] fellow and a good Catholique, but I pray keepe him in this opinion as well as you can. I could not tell whoe to send better for he is a fellow I'm sure loves me very well. I wonder my coming over should be talked of soe much in England. I wrote . [*torn*] . . . . but agon, indeed I spoke of it heer pretty publiquely, by direction, that I feared I should have sum busines might call me into England. I must begg you to make sum shift to send me sum money for I have but 14 pistols left in the world and have made use of D. Arthur's credit too. This has cost me . . . They offered mee heere what monay I would but I would not take a farthing though they would very faine have had me, but I was resolved they neyther should have that seeming hank upon mee of being obliged by them in that nature, nor the worst of my enemies should have to object against me that I was led by my own interest, so that I pray if wee can let . . . make sum shift for the present, and if God bless our endeavours I doupt not we serve a master will doe sumthing for us, and if wee be unfortunate enough to miscarry I am content to sell my little to pay my depts, and eat bred with the remainder. You may cut (?) of this from the instructions I have sent you also the letter from P. Ferr[ier] to his H : by which I am to have credit."

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[Translations of a Number of Letters from Paris, 1676, January 5—1678, October 5, most of them probably from St. Germaine to E. Coleman.]

Substance of St. Germaine's Letters to Coleman.

No. 5. 1675–6, January 12.—"Saith that nothing be done in France except the Duke doth show that he either wisheth it or thinketh it fit. St. Germain desires Coleman to send him a memorial of what is fitt to communicate to Ruvigny's successor. St. Germain hath writ Coleman by [Mr. Warner] of the $\frac{8}{18}$ January about a matter. . ."

No. 10. 1675–6, January $\frac{11}{21}$.—"I have writ to knowe the conduct which St. Germain ought to use towards the French King's confessor, and the new ambassador, for St. Germain cannot do anything till he knows Coleman's thoughts. Ruvigny's secretary and the English ambassador's secretary gone for England. Ruvigny's brother the Abbot came to St. Germain about the prorogation, but could do nothing till he knew Coleman's thoughts. St. Germain observed to the French King's confessor the Duke's great power by the disgrace of law persons, and the vigorous counsells necessary to succeed in the trafficke of the Catholicks which came to the Duke by Coleman's inspiration who is linked to the comerce of the King, the Duke, and Catholicks. If the ambassador be preposest he may act in a way which may not be for the affayres of the Duke and the Catholicks."

No. 11. 1675–6, January . . .—"St. Germain is glad that the Duke and Catholicks have reaped the profit of his actings, they act differently with him in giving him no share in the comerce of the Duke and English Catholicks with the French King's confessor and the new ambassador. If he be not authorised by the Duke and Catholicks to carry on their desires to the confessor, what can he doe. Let St. Germain be instructed how he ought to carry himself to the new ambassador."

No. 12. 1675–6, January 26, February 5.—"Hath nothing in it."

No. 13. 1675–6, January 29.—"If the Duke's letters to the King of France hath noe successe St. Germain cannot enter into the comerce till Coleman get him money from the Duke."

No. 14. 1675–6, February 15.—"Signifies little."

No. 15. 1675–6, February 9.—"The Duke and Catholicks highly convinced of St. Germain's actings. St. Germain have strongly urged to the French King's confessor that he should not suffer any to transact with the King but the Duke of Yorke, and that Coleman was the fittest to bring things about. They say Coleman is for violent counsels, and being come but newly in the comerce would be the cheife of the trade and is not authorised. The confessor would have the Dutchesse write the French King."

No. 17. 1675–6, February 26.—"Speakes that the confessor would speake to the French King about 100000 crownes. It will be almost impossible to get it."

No. 18. 1675–6, February 23.—"Is not of any importance."

No. 19. 1675–6, March 1.—"I expect the Duchesses letter to desire St. Germain's letter to treat with the King of France. St. Germain is of Coleman's opinion concerning the Lord Treasurer which is necessary to be known in the French King's shop or it will hurt the comerce."

No. 20. 1675–6, March 8–18.—The Catholicks have desired me to write to Coleman to knowe the condition of their affaires. If he could obtain

the papers from the Duke [soe?] Louy wanted he might have ended the busines with the French King, he wants money to be serviceable to the Duke and Dutchesse having noe order to act. I am glad with what the Duke hath done, for the grand Treasurer hath great hopes about discourse the Duke have had with the Treasurer, but if the Duke (*sic.*) anything with the French King but through the confessor they will prefer the good of France before the Catholick religion, and of the Duke and others about (?) England for the advantage of France, counsells of war have here an absolute power which is not for the [busines] of England and the Catholicks. Montecuculi and the Duke of Yorke are the two first that put it in the Dutchesse head to thinke closer of the trafficke than she had done."

*Endorsed* "Tenn letters of Germain to Coleman. Abstracted by Sir John Knight, Sir Thomas Lee, Sir Robert Sawyer."

[*Another double sheet in continuation.*]

"Substance of some of St. Germain's letters to Coleman."

1675–6, March $\frac{18}{28}$.—I "delivered yesterday the Dutchesse letter to No. 21. the confessor for the King of France, he carryes a memoriall to speake efectually to the King to her satisfaction. The confessor hath Coleman's letter, he may answer it when he hath seen the succese. The King of France is melancholy and the Emperor armes powerfully, *the Duke's Treasurer is well disposed* to the good succese of this busines, as they tell St. Germain. Coleman must be better known to the confessor and French King by the negociating the trafficke, and wishes the Duke had some occasion to send Coleman to France to treat of some point of the comerce. St. Germain gave the confessor a memoriall of the affayres of Antwerp, the confessor is to act so that the French King may write back to the Dutchesse. *If Coleman would come impowered to France with the Duke's commission he may* obtaine something of the promises. Send me newes of Dutchesse Mazarin and the Dutchesse of Portsmouth.

1676, March 29.—The confessor have done his duty in the Dutchesse's No. 22. busines and followed the memoriall. I hoped to have satisfaction for the merchants of Antwerp who would settell a new factory in some other citty of that country, as Lisle, but the King of France had said that sort usually promise to ask nothing for their manufactures but when they get their desires then they are burdensome to the publicke. The English Embassador's secretary is not Coleman's friend, concerning the Duke and that Coleman had made a proposal to the Duke that had displeased him, and his secretary insinuates into the Confessor's afectiun that he may make what impressions in him he pleaseth, so the affayres of England, and the Duke and Catholicks be prejudiced if he designes contrary to Mr. Coleman's designes.

1676, April $\frac{5}{15}$.—The French King will write to the Duchesse No. 23. concerning the busines on foote to give her satisfaction. The new ambassador's secretary is Darvest [?] with a German to befriend him to the Confessor and seemes zealous for the Duke. I desire to know if the Duke have trusted him with the secret of his affayres, St. Germain entertaynes him to understand things that may be usefull to Coleman."

1676, April 12.—"Courtin will not appeare publickly at London No. 25. that he may take measures."

1676, April 19.—"Sayth St Germain hath writ to the Confessor *all* No. 26. *that Coleman desires as to the Archbishop of Dublin's designes and*

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[Father Shelden] . . . . . the temptations offered to Montecuculi, his conduct was surprising for the assistance St. Germain sought for was that he might serve the Duke."

No. 27. 1676, April 22.—"The Confessor shall understand the Dutchesse opinion of the French King's letter which mentioned [not her first omission, nor the busines under consideration. Madam de la Tremblaye's busines is every day more and more disordered betwixt Cardinal Altieri and the French King, it is hard to obtayne anything from Rome, I did not beleeve the Duke and Dutchesse ought therefore to listen to Spayne for it cannot be done without breaking with France, the consequences of which ought to be weighed, things in Rome may be changed, the Pope cannot be alwayes the same, who cannot hold out long, and it cannot be done without an open declaration against France."

No. 28. 1676, April 30.—"Courtin left Paris yesterday and will be at London before this letter. The Ambassador of England's secretary in France visited St. Germain . . . showed him what Coleman had written and the complaynt of the Ambassador, who denied strongly he had spoken it but said it was his master, and the secretary said all went very well in Coleman's shop."

No. 29. 1676, May 3.—"The secretary of the English Ambassador in France hath desired St. Germain that his name might be put on the letters that should be sent to his Secretary that they may not be opened at his house. I know not what he meanes by it."

No. 30. 1676, May 6.—"St. Germain have a . . . inclination to follow his traffick, which makes him desire letters from the Duke and Dutchesse that he may make it apear he is desired in England to be left in the shop. If St. Germain could obtain the Duke, Dutchesse, or Coleman's letter to the Confessor, and to St. Germain's master who is employed here as Strange is in England, he may continue here and be usefull to the Catholicks. The Confessor is a little bould man and rash in many things, but by no means trust him. You mention not any affaires of England nor of the money the King will make use to satisfy his creditors, nor of the dissolution of Parliament, nor of the man that is to succeed St. Germain. Can it be possible that the Duke and Dutchesse should permit Mazarine to succeed the Dutchesse of Portsmouth; nay will the King do this discurtesy to the Duke and Dutchesse. Madame la Tremblay have writt to me to treat of her busines but I do not relish it."

No. 31. 1676, May 10.—"Hath nothing at all materiall in it."

No. 32. 1676, May 13.—"Hath nothing in it."

No. 33. 1676, June 15.—"Mr. Grey came to see me to let Coleman know the English Ambassador's Secretary visited him and spoke of Coleman in an angry manner as if the Duke was offended with Coleman for bragging that he made the Duke doe what he did."

No. 34. 1676, June 21.—"Mr. de Grey doe not write Coleman this post but wisht me to write you that Shelden told the English Ambassador's Secretary that the Duke had chid Coleman; St. Germain expects the Duke of Yorke's papers, in his favour the Secretary is St. Germain's friend."

No. 35. 1676, June 24.—"I received from Coleman the money he sent. I will be carefull that money will efect all that Coleman intends. Lord Berkly as Monsr. Leighton tells me is preparing for Nimeguen, and Monsr. Montagu is to be here in his place. *The King's Confessor would know if the new Ambassador that is to come from England* be Coleman's friend, and if £100000 [or Crowns] may be usefull to Coleman and his other friends, and if it be it's necessary Coleman should speake to Ruvigny

of it that he may be well received by him. *In short* 100000 *crownes lyes ready expecting the orders of Coleman.* Is Coleman one of the new Ambassador's friends in England, the English Secretary came to me yesterday half drunke and said Coleman is out of favour with the Duke. All this puts Mr. Grey in pain."

1676, June 28.—"I shall not speake of the busines of Antwerp till the man you write of is come back. The Dutchesse desire of having Patouillet in her house they say the Duke concernes himself in. It is discovered she hath moved for it at Rome. It is fitt her desire should be satisfied because it will [help] St. Germain here to serve his friends. Mr. Coleman must perswade the Dutchesse to write to Monsr. de Champis, who is the same person here as Mr. Strange is among you, to give her that person. It is needful to know what the Duke's confessor saith of it to the Duke and Dutchesse." No. 36. (*sic.*)

1676, July $\frac{1}{11}$.—"The difficulties that occur touching the sending Patouillet in the place of St. Germain occurs to me. If the Duke would cause one to write to the King of France to write the King of England to give St. Germain leave to come to England to cleare himselfe it might be obtained. No. 37.

*I have received the great packet which Boatman sent me from the Lord Bellases, I desire you to keep me as much as you can in his good opinion*, because he is a man hath much obliged me to be his servant."

1676, July $\frac{5}{15}$.—. . ". came to see me and desires his letters may be addressed to himselfe. If you take care that the Duke and Dutchesse persist in their desires to have the person proposed in St. Germain's place he will be able to serve his friends." No. 38.

1676, July $\frac{8}{18}$.—"Hath in it nothing of moment." No. 39.

1676, July $\frac{12}{22}$.—"Hath nothing of moment." No. 40.

1676, July $\frac{15}{25}$.—"St. Germain is obliged to Coleman for his paynes [or papers] he wanted. Ruvigny is bent against the Jesuits and the Duke and Coleman. Ruvigny told me the King of England had taken from the Portugall Ambassador the use of his Chappell, and finds the storme will fall on France and the Catholicks, and it will ruin the Catholick religion and prove fatall to the Duke, for which he blames the Jesuits and Coleman who are in greatest aversion to the Protestants and to one part of the Catholicks and the Ministers of State those that are of the condition of the French King's Confessor and the Duke's doe act imprudently in that they are intangled betwixt the King and the Catholicks and would produce an unlimited authority, and such steps as Coleman makes must destroy them, and they will atribute all this to France, and the persecution will be against the Duke and the Catholicks and all the Jesuits, and above all against France." No. 41.

1676, November $\frac{4}{14}$.—"The King's Confessor have answered the Duke of Yorke as you knowe the King of France doth not seem eager in your busines, and its said such letters from foraigne parts are not to him acceptable."

1676, November $\frac{8}{18}$.—"Speakes about perfecting that of the merchants of Antwerp, and satisfying the desire of the Dutchesse, No. 54.

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knoweth somewhat about the King of France his sonne but must first knowe the truth if the Prince of Orange's designe that soe nearly concernes the Duke, for there is no pleasure in taking false measures."

No. 55.

1676, November 11.—"I gave a memoriall about the merchants of Antwerp, he hath heard Ruvigny's confessor sent word that the Duke of York was a lost man, and that some of his friends gave him pernitious counsells, and he gave too great credit to them. You see by it Ruvigny is noe friend to the Duke, and governes all the comerce. Coleman must look into it."

1676, November 18.—"That Coleman might have a pension, for though the state he be in may hinder it, yet the life he will put into busines and the service he renders to the Catholicks will incline the Pope to it, to whome he must ——"

No. 25.

1676, April 18.—St. Germain hath somewhat to say about the English Ambassador's Secretary, but by Coleman's letter I see he desires that nothing should be writt to him of the Secretary's actions. Knows nothing of Coleman's proposition to the Duke, but hears it was refused. What you write about the Parliament's dissolution is held to be certayne. The French King is on [too] . . ill termes with the Pope and Catholicks to ingage on that side in anybody's favor. It is wisdome to expect a better conjuncture."

*Endorsed* "No. 21. From Sir J. Trevor."

[St. Germaine to E. Coleman.]

1675–6, January $\frac{5}{15}$. Paris.—"I have sent you back the answer of two letters of Madamoiselle de la Tremblay. St. Germain a year ago told you of his departure as a secret. I know that the Spanish Ambassador took part with St. Germaine only in order that there might not be any French about the Duke or Dutchesse. I think his successor ought not to be taken from the country of the King's Confessor, or of the Duchesse. St. Germaine thinks that a justification of his conduct is absolutely necessary, more for his companions' and the Catholics' sake than for his own. Mr. Courtin is named as Ambassador to England. St. Germaine does not find the opinion of Coleman concerning his voyage into England in the company of the French Ambassador, De Ruvigny's successor, convenient. Having been with the Dutchesse he would not for anything in the world be with de Ruvigny's successor, for his own credit and for that of the Duke and Dutchesse. Moreover it could not be done unless the Duke obtains it from the King of France.

He may however come in this manner for a short stay, and then return, or else enter into the Duke and Dutchesse' service again.

It is not likely the Duke will give notice that he desires this.

St. Germain will speak today to the King's Confessor for a pension for Coleman.

St. Germain owes the Duke's treasurer 20 guineas. It is all he has left of that which he received from the Dutchesse and for his furniture, and he has great need of it, were it only to pay for the postage of English letters."

[*Much more about schemes for St. Germaine's future employment and advantage.*]

*Endorsed* No. 6.

——— to Mr. Coleman.

1675–6, January $\frac{8}{18}$. Paris.—"I did not think to have writt to you this day but that Monsieur the Duke of Mazerin having charged me

with two letters and praying me to engage some of our friends to serve him with their Royall Highnesses in his designe which he hath to reduce his wife to her duty by all the wayes of sweetness which they can employ. I did believe you would be willing to contribute all your cares to soe good a worke, you may assure their Highnesses that Monsr. the D. of Mazarin is altogether disposed to receive his wife with all the sincerity and kindness possible, and to forgett all that's past and to live with her in a manner that shall intirely satisfie her and that he does pray their Highnesses to give themselves the trouble to be his arbitors as to this agreement. 3° to obtain the same consent of his wife. 4° that besides a separation which she demands and one or two other articles of the like importance, to which he cannot nor ought not to condescend without loosing himselfe to the world, he is ready to agree to any thing their Highnesses shall ordaine, and that he most humbly prayes their Royall Highnesses to determine this difference as soon as may be to prevent the evil consequences that may happen in your Court; and prays in fine their Royall Highnesses not to acquaint any one, but those whome he employes in it, with the great desire he hath expressed for accommodation, for feare the Duchesse his wife will become more difficult and draw some advantages from it against him. I adde further that the stay and sight of this Duchess in England is not advantageous to Madam Duchess of York and that this vagabond life is not very honourable, that she hath a spirrit that is jocund and perhapps dangerous that may inspire ill councells into soe sweet a Princess as her Royall Highness and that in the end it is to be feared that your great Master who is not an enemy to faire ladies espouse not the interest of this faire lady in such a manner as will not be honourable to you or us, that this accomodation is her strict duty before God; that this Duchesse is obliged to say many things against her husband to justifie her selfe all which are false, and in the end I pray you to returne me an answer as soon as you can for to intrust me of all that is to be done to make this negotiation succeed; the Duke hath writt to my Lord Bellises to serve him with their Royall Highnesses; see then that you give that Lord this lettre of the Duke's and take together such measures as are necessary to determine this
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difference. I was at the K. of France his Confessour but could not find him. I will use my endeavour in that I told you of, speake not to the D. of York of the twenty guinnies unless to good purpose I had
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rather you would think of the letters of the Duke & Duchess for the King of France for they would be more advantageous to me. I pray
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you make my compliments to my Lord Peterborough & Count
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Montecuculi. I have sent to Monsr. Benifeild and desire you to communicate to him what I have writt to you concerning this affaire of the D. of Mazarine, doe not show him my letter but tell him what is contained in it to this point."

" Translated by
Richard Temple.

Superscribed to
Mr. Coleman,
London."

*Endorsed* " No. 7. Nothing in it."

[The SAME to the SAME.]

1675–6, January $\frac{12}{22}$. Paris.—" St. Germaine will not accept Coleman's suggestions that he come over with the Ambassador except upon the

understanding that it is to be only for a time until his affairs are settled, and that he may have the employment he had in the commerce. St. Germaine much wishes for information from Coleman as to what things should be communicated to de Ruvigny's successor."

"Translated by Sir George Downing."

*Endorsed* "No. 8."

——— to Mr. Coleman the Duchesse of York's Secretary.

1675-6, January $\frac{15}{25}$. Paris.—"I am not satisfied with your letter of Twelfth day even Sir—it hath given mee imperfect newes, and doth neither tell mee all that I am to say, nor what I am to doe, as to what it saith to me, I hope that after you shall have well cryed the King's drinkes you will let me know all concerning this matter; you yet owe me answers to three of my letters at least that is to say to that of the $\frac{5}{15}$ of January to that of the $\frac{8}{18}$ and that of the $\frac{12}{22}$ without reckoning this which mentions the others. Think of paying mee all these debts. The last which I received from you is of $\frac{6}{16}$ of January, Mons. Ruvigny is said to have complained of . . . [*torn*] of the King of France, Mons. St. Germain, and their friends. They have no hand in his conserne, but why doth he suffer his wife to doe all things according to her fancy it is written hither that the enemy of Monsieur St. Germain is there always that 14 of the domesticks are turned away because they are of the number of the Catholiques and the French Catholiques have made a complaint about the business of the Cooke, all this having been written out of England just after the business of St. Germain hath done him noe good: but undoubtedly St. Germain hath behaved himself in this business like an honest and a worthy man. The brother of the wife of Monsieur Ruvigny hath yesterday gone on a visit to Mons. St. Germain about this matter and desires him to go and see the confessor of the King of France and give a good character to him of Mons. Ruvigny and his wife. I should be very glad that Coleman would lett Mons. St. Germain know what he ought to doe upon the request of this lady, and whether he should speak to the Confessor of the King of France concerning this matter not that they think that they can both together doe anything therein, but that Coleman may see that wee will doe all that he thinkes fit. here is not any newes at all. There is a discourse of the manifest of Don Juan. I have not as yet seen it. The Secretary of Mons. Ruvigny is yet here and is to goe see [*torn*] Mons. St. Germain which runs concerning M. St. Germain and the Confessor of the King of France makes the former more considerable than ever, but he dare not bragg of anything."

"These translated by
Sir George Downing."

*Endorsed* No. 9.

[St. Germaine to E. Coleman.]

1675-6, $\frac{\text{January } 22}{\text{February } 1}$.—"In fine Sir they have spoke plainly to you about the affaire of St. German, he has told me that when he left England, he bid it adieu for ever in his own thought, and when he he writt to Coleman twas only to show what was to bee done, supposing they desired to see him again. Although by other letters he was well

informed, there was some in England that neyther loved him nor wish't his company below. What the Duke has said to Coleman is very obliging; St. German is glad that the Duke and the Catholicks have reaped the profitt of what he only receives the comendations; whilst in truth hee is punisht for having deserved that prayse; or to say better used as if hee had not merited it, there are 2 things that make it plainly appeare that they act very differently with him from what they tell him; the one that in the country where he is, they give him noe share in the comerce of the Duke, and the English Catholicks, with the King of France the Confessor and the new Ambassador, which would bee the only true sign of the pretended satisfaction they make show to have of him, and in truth was the only thing he expected, when hee quitted England, as that which would have lett the King and his Confessor see that the Duke was effectively satisfied with his conduct, for tell mee in truth Sir you that understand the world, how can a man appeare in theyr presence, or addresse to them having nothing to say. The other thing is that the Duke is contented with a generall answer in the bysinesse of St. Germaines friend without sending the answers to him himselfe; which they will be sure to make onely to his friend; all this letts St. German see clearely, they are content to draw all the advantages they can from his affaire and not at all concerned whether hee profitt in the least by it or noe. Mr. Monticuculi has made word bee sent mee that he had perform'd what hee promis'd St. German and that he should have letters of it by the 19th instant; hee has not yett received them; tis the onely thing he has pretended to, because twill bee a full proofe they are satisfied with him in case the Duke would helpe in earnest, and not after a superficiall manner, which St. German apprehends much, they had promist alsoe the King of England's letters, and even those of the Queen besides all this, this kindnesse would putt him in a condition to continue his comerce, for his misfortune having left him without money or pension which he formerly disposd of at his pleasure, hee is reduced soe low that he canot enter into the trafick, not having wherewithall to pay for the letters; France has not heard of the Swedes successe, soe St. German doubts it, hee expects Coleman's answer to all that is in this letter which hee desires you to comunicate to him for if he is not authorised by the Duke and the Catholicks to carry theyr desires to the Confessor what can hee doe in the favour of Coleman, who wants not enemyes who write hither against him, as St. Germain has allready sent Coleman word, weigh well these things, and cause St. German to bee instructed how he ought to behave himselfe hereafter, advise Coleman to take care to prevent the new Ambassador, for assuredly the Secretary of the old one will endeavour to pursuade this, to act like the other to gain creditt by that means to whatever hee has done good or bad. I am told a pleasant story that Luzancy has here held forth most edifyingly to the wife of one waiting man to Mr. Ruvigni as shee has been Madam de Ruvigni's woman; if shee prove it and will make the drole better understood, The D. possibly will not bee displeas'd to know and publish it. "Richard Corbett" [*is written at the head of the letter*].

*Endorsed* No. 11.

### The SAME to the SAME.

1675-6, $\frac{\text{January 26}}{\text{February 5}}$.—Application for payment of a pension granted by the Duchess of York to an English widow who is with the Nuns of the Visitation of St. Mary, at Dieppe. Mr. Bedingfield knows how to send the money.

MSS. of Sir W. Fitzherbert.

If the Duke's letter had come a week since, as Montecuculi promised, St. Germaine might have received something of the King of France.

Pray tell M. du Puy's I am in great want of my trunk, without it I cannot live long here where people never tarry when they are unprofitable.

"Hen Capell" [*at the head of the letter*].

*Endorsed* No. 12.

[The Same to the Same.]

1675–6, February $\frac{9}{19}$.—I know not why my letters are so long on the way unless it be the fault of the keys of the boxes where post letters are put, and so may be carried too late to the English post. I will send a person today on purpose to the post house with this, and not to the boxes. I have twice requested you to present my respects to my Lord Peterborough, and to the Marquis Montecuculi, whose cyphers are 10 and 2d respectively.

[Complains of irregularity in correspondence.] Montecuculi to St. Germaine gives him but little hope, and 41 or Mr. Ruvigny begins to fear that Montecuculi has not managed the business with Lord Peterborough, as he promised.

This delay is enough to do away with all the feelings of kindness which the King of France and his Confessor have now for St. Germain, who desires no more than a letter of recommendation in general to the King of France in favour of his nephew (St. Germaine).

"I have no great converse with the man of St. Louis, for reasons I'll tell you in time, and who will call himself Warner when I shall speak to you off it. Tis Mr. Sheldon's humour to love war wherever there is, and I am sure he is not Coleman's friend, no more than those are who love soft and cowardly counsells which Mr. St. Germaine did not dare name having no cypher to describe it to Coleman in."

St. Germaine has spoken highly of Coleman [*as in the epitome*] but he does not carry weight as he would if he were made a confidant in the whole affair. It is said that Coleman is for violent council &c. [*as in the epitome*].

St. Germaine is anxious to be useful to Ruvigny.

"Translated by Mr. Neale."

*Endorsed* No. 15.

[The Same to E. Coleman.]

1675–6, February $\frac{16}{26}$.—"I received yours of the $\frac{10}{20}$ instant. Mr. St. Germain was this morning to see the King's Confessor and the new Embassador Mons. du Ruvigny, they both of them have a great kindness for you. And Mons. Ruvigny told Mons. St. Germain that he would see you as soon as he gott to his house in England. If you would communicate any thing to him you may write it to Mons. St. Germain. But for the King of France's money he is so alarmed on all sides that it will be almost impossible to gett the 100,000 crowns. The Confessor has promised to speak earnestly to the King about it. I writ you a letter for his Royal Highnesse, but you say nothing of it, no more than of the two friends. I have 3 times mentioned to you the King goes into Flanders and the Duke of Orleans will be generall under him. I have not time to say more. Madam la Tremblay desires

you'd assist her in the design she has and that you'd offer her your services, doe what you can for her. She had another project which sheel tell you of herself. If I had time I'd desire you more att large to serve her."

*Endorsed* No. 15.

### Enchitell Gray to Mr. Coleman.

1675-6, $\frac{\text{February } 23}{\text{March } 4}$.—Your last letter by which you acquaint mee to have received mine of the 15th 19th and 22 of Feb. is without date. I thank you for the pains you have taken to see (34) the Earle of Peterburrow and (35) the Count Monticuculi and for the offer you make mee from (62) Mr. Coleman upon whom I will rest my selfe intirely concerning the affaire of (49) Monsr. St. Germain. This (44) Monsr. Colbert attends with impatience the letter of (93) the Duchess to work strongly with (488) the King's Confessor neare (163) the King of France. (49) Monsr. St. Germain will indeavour to see (451) the Secretary and will thank him for what hee has said of him unto (62) Mr. Coleman. Hee will see him to-day and will comunicate that answer, to write again on Saturday to (62) Mr. Coleman. That which (488) the King's Confessor shall have said to him. (163) the King of France appears of late very sadd. They say 'tis because Easter approaches. I'le tell you for news the Prince of Conde excuses himself from going to the warr. Hee is retired to Chantilly twelve leagues from Paris. The Chevallier D'Humieres brother to the Marshall of that name is sent to the Bastile for having demanded leave that he may not goe to the warr and to give his regiment to his nephew, who comanded in Alsatia and was taken prisoner by a party of the enimy when hee went out upon a party. But Floranzen hath killed too or three hundred of those men and if our comander had not binne taken the affair had binne very well for us. I know itt by a letter from the sonne of Monsr. Vantelett who was in the action. Monsr. de Vantelett salutes you. Visit sometimes Monsr. Tartereau, bee so kind to mee to salute him on my part, in earnest; and madam your wife to whom I am a most humble servant. Send mee word if you have received a letter which I wrote to his Royall Hinesse the Duchess of Yorke 26 January 5 February of which you have not spoke.

*Endorsed* No. 18. [*A Copy.*]

### [St. Germaine to the Same.]

1676, $\frac{\text{March } 29}{\text{April } 8}$.—"*Add to the Epitome*" that the memorial contained an expression of the Duchess' displeasure at not receiving an answer to her letter of last year. Desire Coleman to write speedily to St. Germain to assure him that the merchants of Antwerp have wherewithal to establish themselves without being chargeable to the public.

News from the seat of war.

I am extremely obliged for your kindness to those good people who have passed into France. Pray thank the captain of the yacht who took care of them.

What is the truth about the Duchesse of Mazarine? The Duchesse of Cleveland is visited by all the English. I have not yet seen her. What do you advise me to do? It is said she intends to retire to an Abbey of the Cordeliers at Longchamps in the Bois de Boulogne, two leagues from Paris.

MSS. OF SIR W. FITZHERBERT.

[*Copy.*] *Endorsed* "No. 22, [*and*] St. Germain to Coleman, translated by R. Whitley."

[The SAME to the SAME.]

1675–6, February 15.—I received your letters and the same day saw the person you desired me to speak with. He was a little surprised that there was no letter from the Duchess to the King of France. He promised to speak to the King. "I told him Mr. St. Germaine would be glad of the businesse, that it might make it appear to England and the Duke that they had some kindness for him in 112. He fell a laughing upon it and told me that the King of France was hard to be pleased in those kind of matters, so I think it were necessary that the Dutchesse should write a short letter to the King of France, and that Mr. St. Germaine should deliver it to the Confessor."

[About the Fleet at Messina.]

You are liberal of your news to Mr. Warner, who ought to repay you. I have little to give but I am willing to serve you.

I am in the greatest trouble because I hear nothing of my trunk and box which are in the hands of Mr. du Puis and which he had promised to send me with Mr. Bedingfield. I see that having driven me out of England nobody cares what may become of me in France.

You are now the only man I can trust in.

You owe me an answer to four letters.

"Translated by Mr. Neale."

*Endorsed* No. 14.

[The SAME to the SAME.]

1676, April $\frac{8}{18}$.—"Translated by Sir E. Dennys."

I believed that the King of France had himself remembered his omission to answer the Duchess's letter, but now understand that it may be due to Ruvigny's letter upon the subject. It will be necessary for Coleman to write to St. Germain and let him know if the King has written the letter, and if she is satisfied, before St. Germain writes anything to the King's Confessor.

St. Germaine had something to say to Coleman about the Secretary of the English Ambassador, but as what he had already said gave displeasure he will say no more now. Perhaps it will be necessary to hinder the French Ambassador who is going into England from discovering his mind to the Secretary as St. Germain was informed yesterday by the Confessor he intends to do. St. Germain cannot understand how the King of England could dispose of 12, 84 [*note*] (not in the key) nor in whose favour. It is a riddle which both of us would like to understand, for it seems that he is in a better condition to receive than to give.

What you write about the dissolution of Parliament is held as a thing most certain.

"What Coleman writes about Madame de Tremblay and the little inclination 35 [*note*] (not in the key) now hath for 88 (Madame de la Tremblay) and for the people of 120 (France) because he is not satisfied with the conduct of 163 (the King of France) towards his master, makes him fear least he should serve 49 (St. Germain) as he doth 88 (Madame de la Tremblay) about which matter he desires a frank and sincere enlightening from 62 (Coleman). But to speak the truth I take that to be a meer pretence of 35 who will meddle no more with those things,

for he very well knows that 103 (the French King) is upon too ill termes with 25 (the Pope) 47 [*note*] (not in the key) and 45 (Catholick religion) to engage himself to make any step on that side, in anybody's favour, and you see the reason of it. It is therefore wisdome to expect a more favourable conjuncture, and in the meanwhile not to neglect one's old friends."

For my part I have no concern in that business and care only for the interests and that passionately of the Duke, Duchesse, Coleman, and St. Germaine.

St. Germaine has sent two books to the Duchesse, and would have been glad to send presents to the Duke, Coleman, and the Confessor, but had no opportunity, and might also have displeased others . . "Poor 49 (St. Germaine) knows not which way to go to work to do what he hath a mind to, yet in a little time he hopes to send as many to 62 (Coleman) by another opportunity."

You do not take enough care of your health.

I have taken the liberty of writing to the Duchesse of York but do not deliver the letter till the present comes.

[*Copy.*] *Endorsed* No. 24.

[The SAME to the SAME.]

1676, April $\frac{12}{22}$.—I enclosed a letter which I beg you will present to his Royal Highness with two books you will receive from Madame de Glascock. I hear here several matters relating to the Duke of York, but do not take the least notice. St. Germaine has had a conference with the Secretary of the new Ambassador and has engaged him in a firm friendship with Coleman. Mr. Courtin hopes to get dispatched the beginning of next month, and is to abide in London for some time without appearing in quality as ambassador that he may better take measures as to lodgings and all the rest.

[*Copy.*] *Endorsed* No. 25.

[The SAME to the SAME.]

1676, April $\frac{19}{29}$.—St. Germain understands perfectly all that you have written and believes that he comprehends more than you would have him know. [*Next follows the epitome.*]

Montecuculi's conduct is suprising to St. Germaine who finds, since he has heard from Coleman, that he is concerned therein as well as others, and suspects that they are but pretences to evade serving him for the future. The matter however is of small consequence, only it is a wonder they refuse poor St. Germaine so small a comfort for the injustice done to him.

[*Copy.*] *Endorsed* No. 26.

[ST. GERMAINE to the SAME.]

1676, $\frac{\text{April } 22}{\text{May } 2}$.—[*In addition to the Epitome*], I beg pardon for my last letter. I was in an ill humour for my affairs are in a very ill condition. I fear St. Germaine will be removed from the place where he now is. I shall run out of my wits if poor Madame de la Tremblay's affairs do not go well.

St. Germaine will write on indifferent topics to Montecuculi. Had not written before because he was a little disturbed.

News from the seat of war.

*Copy. Endorsed* No. 27.

MSS. OF SIR W. FITZHERBERT.

——— to MR. COLEMAN.

1676, $\frac{\text{April 30}}{\text{May 9}}$.—"I have not received any of your letters these two posts. I do not doubt but your great business hindered you. Yet I am not without great concern for it upon many reasons that you understand well enough without my telling you. I have given to Mr. Doleith who goes with Monsr. Courtin into England the first volume of the Croisade to present to Her Royal Highness the Duchess. I desire the favor of you to present this Mr. Dolbeith and my book to Her Royal Highness and to make my most humble excuses for not having sent the first volume of the Croisades before the second supposing she had already read it. I do not know if the history of the government of Venice be come to your hands. I desired long ago that you might see the manifesto which Mr. de St. Germain made in his defence, you have not written me word that you have seen it, or like it and what you think fit to be added or taken away. Mr. Bedingfield may have it or Mr. Strange. The trenches of Bouchain would not be opened before the fifth of May, our stile. The Canon was not to arrive before two days past, being thursday the —— May. The King is about Quesnoy and secures Monsieur's army that lyes before Bouchain and all our frontiers from the ennemys that are about St. Ghilain and Mons. The fight of Messina is false. Mr. de Navailles has defeated three or four hundred men of the garrison of Feguieres. Upon the King of England's declaring that the qualities given or omitted should not any way prejudice the rights of those that should give them or not receive them, the King after two protestations made in the hands of the King of England for his rights and pretentions consents to treate the Prince of Lorraine with Brother and Duke of Lorraine, so that 'tis believed your King will send by his Ambassador in Holland the passeports to the Plenipotentiaries.

"Monsieur Courtin left Paris yesterday and will likely be at London before this letter. Mr. Guery his Secretary went away a day before and will come to London with him, he desires your friendship.

The 451 (Secretary) of 41 (the Ambassador)of 110 (England) in 120 (France) visited yesterday 49 (St. Germain) and shewed him a letter which acquainted him with all that 62 (Coleman) had written to 49 (St. Germain) concerning the dissatisfaction and complaint of 400 (the Ambr.) of 170 (the King) in 120 (France) and denyed strongly that he had spoken, but said it was his Master, 49 (St. Germain) confessed to him that amongst three or four persons that writ to him sometimes one had sent him word that the 41 (Ambadr.) was dissatisfyed with him and resolved to speak to 39 (the Duke of York) with some sharpness but the 45 (Secretary) said that he feared nothing of all this. He added that all went very well in your shop. 'Tis written from 110 (England) to 49 (St. Germain) that 91 (Sheldon) is gone for 120 (France) pray tell me if it be true? If things do not change in 110 (England) in favour of 49 (St. Germain) it will shortly cause a change in his concerns and they talk of giving him a little shop to govern that shall be altogether conformable to his trade and will carry him fifty leagues from the place where he is at present. As he has always forseen this and thought himself not at all fit for that trade he had desirred that something might be done for him that 62 (Coleman) knows of to secure him from it and become more usefull to his friends in his first trade; if things happen not according to his desire he is resolved to do what pleases God; it will be well to acquaint 62 (Coleman) of all this if you think fitting."

*Endorsed* "No. 28."

[St. Germaine] to Mr. Coleman.

MSS. of Sir W. Fitzherbert.

1676, May $\frac{3}{13}$.—I am somewhat grieved not to have received any letters from you these four posts. I do not know if it is that they are miscarryed or that you have not written any to me and supposing that you have not written if it be by reason of your businesse or dislike and if it be by reason of any dislike, if your dislike proceed from that I am unusefull to you or that I have disobliged you. All this puts me to a non plus that you might clear me of by declaring my sentence in for me that I may take my resolutions after my condemnation. In the meanwhile I will tell you that if this last cause be the occasion of my disgrace, which I can hardly believe from so true a friend as yourself, I cannot find after a long scrutiny that I have committed any sin that deserves such punishment whatever suspition may have been conceived by my friends who ought never to condemn theirs without hearing them. And I shall therefore bear my condemnation with much tranquility of mind, provided I may understand it, for in truth t'is something hard that on a suddain nothing is said to me without any charitable information in what manner I am to be treated, but perhaps I am troubled without reason; that may very well be, t'is your part to inform me of my good or evill destiny: in the meanwhile I will act according to my custome giving you notice of the depart of Mr. Courtin and his son and Mr. Dolbeith who you will see shortly. They are well informed with your merit. Last Tuesday at ten o'clock the armies of the King and the Prince of Orange were very near each other. The King had sent for Monsieur the Marchal de Crequy to the camp before Bochain with 20 squadrons that may make 2,400 horse; t'is not known for what. Mr. de Vivone has given some discontent to our fleet for having not permitted them to find out de Ruiter, which he did for feare that during the battle he might loose Messina and as that town was to chuse their magistrates on St. George's day 24 April he would keep all the French men near him. We have made a logement on the counterscarp of Bonchain free from the canon. St. Germain has told me that he hath written all things to the 488 (King's Confessor). Pray tell 62 (Coleman) Sir. This is all I have to say at present only that the 451 (Secretary) of the 400 (Ambr.) of 110 (England) in 112 (France) has had a fansey to pray 49 (St. Germain) that his name might be put upon the letters that should be sent to this 451 (Secretary) of 110 (England) that as he says they may not be opened at his house. I know not what he means by it nor 49 (St. Germain;) but so it is. The armies are drawn of from each other as they say."

*Endorsed* No. 29.

The Same to the Same.

1676, May $\frac{6}{16}$.—I am troubled about the affairs of St. Germaine. There is a great difference between St. Germaine and Mr. Coleman. The latter has far more business on his hands and runs far greater dangers, yet after all he is a merchant set up for himself and may cease his trade when he will, whereas St. Germaine is only a journey-man and may be sent anywhere and thus be prevented from carrying on his traffic to which he has an incredible inclination. This it is which makes him desire letters from the Duke of York, and a pension from the Duchesse, so that it may appear to those in England that it is desired to keep him in the shop. Coleman ought seriously to consider this, for

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things cannot possibly remain much longer as they are now. I promise you I will henceforth say no more about it. Your reprimand is infinitely dear to me, and I would rather receive such than that you should be silent for 3 or 4 posts.

"Mr. St. Germaine has told me that being naturally very punctual he has already writt those thoughts which he conceived the Dutchesse had in her head concerning the King of France's letter to the King's Confessor, with reflexions upon the consequences that may happen thereupon, but after I have acquainted him with what accounts you have given me from Mr. Coleman, I doubt not he will write to the King's Confessor, and send him word that Mr. Coleman hath discoursed with the Dutchesse after the manner which was fitting and has left her in the opinion she ought to have of France and the King of France. The King's Confessor or the new Mr. Rouvigny is charged with a second booke which you know of for the Dutchesse, as I sent you word. This Confessor of the King, to describe him to you, is outwardly well enough, and does not discourse amiss, but is a little soul, vaine, and rash in many things, and one that many times talks too much. Take your measures accordingly. One may make use of these qualities to fetch things out of him, but by no means trust him with them."

You do not mention the affairs of England &c. [*as in the epitome*].

What has become of Mr. Sheldon. He promised to come and used to be a man of his word, but now it is said he does not mean to come.

[*Describes the taking of Bouchaine.*]

[*About the Duchesse Mazarine as in the epitome.*]

All I have said to Madame de la Tremblay is only to comfort her as best I could.

Will Mr. Sheldon go to Rome? Address your letter for me to Mr. de Clairambant at the Silver Master in St. Anthony's Street, as I live such a long way from the post.

*Endorsed.* "No. 30."

"*Cypher numbers are used for the proper names as usual.*"

[St. Germaine] to E. Coleman.

1676, May $\frac{10}{20}$.—Mentions the death of Mr. Cranmer's son aged 16. The boy died a good Catholic.

[*Endorsed*] "31. Nothing."

The Same to the Same.

1676, May $\frac{13}{23}$.—I have read your letter of $\frac{8}{18}$ to Mr. St. Germaine and he desires you to informe Mr. Coleman that he is extremely obliged for it. St. Germain has quite lost his supply of money without which it is impossible for him to continue his negociation with Mr. Coleman. He feels that he has wholly broke word with Mr. Coleman because of this wicked money, and that he cannot be of any use in the future.

[*The letter is addressed to Mr. Coleman, and endorsed* No. 32. *The usual numbers are used in the letter for the proper names.*]

[The Same] to the Same.

1676, May $\frac{13}{23}$.—"I have received yours of the 8/18 instant, and answer

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it instantly to lett you know that I have read it to Mr. St. Germain,

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who desires you to assure Mr. Coleman that he is extreemely obliged to
him for all the good will he has had for him, and will remember it for
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ever: that for labouring in what concernes him, Mr. Coleman may make
use of all conjunctures which he thinks favourable, and wait as long as he
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pleaseth, but as to the rest the true reason that has made Mr. St. Ger-
main appear somewhat pressing that he has quite lost his supply of
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*money*, without which it is impossible for him to continue his negotia-
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tion with Mr. Coleman. This is the reason why he desires him to
write to him no more, not being in condition to receive his letters because
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of this wicked money, which has wholly broake word with him and which
being gone without hopes of returne, deprives him of the meanes of
finding such a friend elsewhere and it was certainly the feare of this
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desertion which Mr. St. Germain infallibly foresaw that forced him to
make steps which have seemed too urgent in the meane while it is neces-
sary that he carrie himselfe as I have now said. It is likely also that
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he will heereafter bee useless to the service of the Duke and Duchess and
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of the Catholiques. However it falls out his good will will never be
wanting. Pray lett me know of your receiving this letter, and believe mee
more your servant Sir than any person in the world. The Prince of
Orange keeps constantly close in his quarters, and it being impossible to
force him there, and he having more provision than was thought men
beleeve the King will remove his station, and they talke of his returne to
Paris, after his having sent away a great detatchment for Germany
where it is supposed that the enemies army is very strong. No other
news at present."

*Endorsed.* "No. 32."

[*At the head of the letter*] "Sir Cyril Wyche."

[The Same] to the Same.

1676, June $\frac{15}{25}$. Paris.—"I must begin with telling you that 48.—
prays you to return thanks to Coleman for the news he learnt of Mr.
Morpary whereof he expects the execution as soon as may be, he
assures me he has been above 3 months with his friends in order to
maintain the corrispondence which he has with Coleman and that
pure necessity obliged him to speak and act as he did, hereafter his
affairs will change and for ever as he hopes because his friends in France
will soon be in condition to render him no longer troublesome unto any.
They say that Mr. Patouillet will have the vacant place, pray what is
there of it? Mr. Gray came to see me and desired 48.— to let Coleman
know that the Secretary of the English Ambassador here gave him a
visit and spoake to him of Coleman in an angry manner, as if the Duke
was offended with Coleman for bragging that it was he that made the
Duke do what he did, in a word that he spoak and bragged too much.
48.— has desired me to write thus much unto you to the end you may
have the goodness to tell it to Coleman. I hope to write to you duly
once or twice a week. We have no news but what is old and what

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you know, I only write unto you now to acquaint you with the sentiments of acknowledgement which 48.— has for the favours of Coleman he would be very glad to know if he ought not to write to the Duchesse and how he ought to do it."

*Endorsed* "Translated by Sr. Robert Markham."

[The SAME to the SAME.]

1676, $\frac{\text{June } 21}{\text{July } 1.}$ [Paris.]—"Endorsed Cler. July 1st 1676.

"I have received your letter of the $\frac{12}{22}$ of June which came to my hands a little too late. By the first post I will send you a certaine addresse whereby I may receive your letters betimes. I do not now repeat my thanks for your favours because I have done it already in my two former. As yet I have not received that I expect from Mr. Morpain who hath satisfied himselfe with giving me the information that he hoped I should have it in a little time. Mr. de Gray whom from this time forward we will call 87 came to see me this morning. He desired me to tell you that he would not write to you this post because I do. He also entreated me to send you word that you might tell 62 (Coleman) that what the 45 (Secretary) of 41 (the Ambassadour) —— from 110 (England) in 120 (France) had told him of 62 (Coleman) came from 91 (Mr. Sheldon) who had told him where he now is, and that 39 (the Duke of York) had chid 62 (Coleman) in publick. Sheldon knowing of it 49 (Mr. St. Germain) wrote about the businesse of Antwerp and is much amazed there hath bin no answer to it after three letters which he hath written to 488 (the King's Confessor). You may see that 49 (Mr. St. Germain) broake off his correspondence only out of pure necessity, but since a doore hath bin opened for his entrance into it againe to be sure he will not give it over of his own accord. Moreover this 45 (Secretary of the Embassy) from the 150 (the King of England) pretends very much to be 49 (Mr. St. Germain's) friend, and to desire to live in a perfect good understanding with him if 62 (Coleman) by that meanes can make use of him to get something done for 62 (Coleman's) advantage. 49 (St. Germain) doth impatiently expect the 39 (Duke of York's) papers, there being one or two persons actually dead whose imployments might be obtained if one had good recommendations. Those papers cannot come too soone, and the affaires already had bin done if they had come; but it is necessary they should be as perswasive as the quality of him that writes and of him to whom they are written to be writ. For news 1. The King sends out to forrage all about Mons, Cambray, and Valenciennes, that he may destroy that country, and cutts down all the wood he can to lay the country open. 2. Condé is wonderfully fortified, and the designe is to make it a kind of impregnable island. &c"

[*General foreign news and reports.*]

"Send me word whether Mr. Patouillet shall have Mr. St. Germain's place, and in what condition that affaire is. I must needs know it . . . . . What say you of 488 (the King's Confessor) and of the 451 (the Secretary) of 41 (Mr. Ruvigny) that is new come, what becomes of the old one."

[*At the head of the letter*] "Charles Cottrell."

*Endorsed* No. 34.

[The Same to the Same.]

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1676, $\frac{\text{June } 24}{\text{July } 4.}$ [Paris.]—"I wrott to you by the last post and write again today to give you notice that that the little 80 (money) came to me last Thursday. I received it with all the demonstration of friendship which I owe to him from whom it came. I pray you let 62 (Coleman) know this and assure him that I will have all possible care about it, and will order it so by my cares that that little 80 (money) may affect all things according to the intention of 62 (Coleman). I expect a word from 62 (Coleman) to know if I should write to 93 (the Dutchesse) to pay my respects concerning that you know of, and in what termes I ought to do it. As for those papers which you believe you can help me to, they would be of great use to me at this very moment for a very fair occasion does now present itself, and if I had them I doubt not but I should succeed in my designe. You have need of all your goodness not to be tired with my importunities. My Lord Bartley as Monsr. Leighton tells me prepares himself to be gone for Nimeguen within five or six weekes: and that Monsr. Montague is to come hither in his place"

[*General foreign news.*]

"48 (the King's Confessor) prayeth 62 (Coleman) to let him know whether the new *Ambassador that is to come from England into France be a friend to 62* (*Coleman*), *and whether 48* (*100000* crownes) may be useful to 62 (Coleman) and to his other friends near 41 (Mr. Ruvigny) and if it be it would be requisite that 62 (Coleman) *should speak of 48* (*100000*) *crownes to 41* (*Mr. Ruvigny*) *to the end that he may be well received by him, in short 48* (*100000 crownes*) *lye ready expecting the orders of 62* (*Coleman*). Are they pleased with the new Ambassador in England, and is 62 (Coleman) one of his friends? His Secretary and 488 (the King's Confessor) are they friends to 62 (Coleman)? What does 98 (Mazarine) and 89 (Portsmouth); they said the other day that 89 (Portsmouth) was dead. 48 (St. Germain) hath written to 488 (the King's Confessor) for the merchants of Antwerp. 87 (Monsr. Grey) is newly gone from me and prayed me to put his letter into mine. He sends you no newes because I have given you that little there is. He desires you to direct your letters alwayes to him for the reasons he gives you, and he assures me that he goes —— for to send you some that are better. Yesterday the 451 (Secretary) of 110 (England) 400 (Ambassador) in 120 (France) came hither to me being halfe drunk and told me many things concerning the new 41 (Ruvigny) of 110 (England) in 120 (France), he pretends that 62 (Coleman) is much out of favour with 39 (the Duke of York) and that he knew nothing of the change, and that the union which 62 (Coleman) hath had with 41 (Ambassador) of 120 (France) in 110 (England) is the cause that the new 41 (Ambassador) [*note*] (Courtin) of 120 (France) in 110 (England) does not look upon him. All this puts 87 (Mr. Grey) in paine, and much more 48 (St. Germain), endeavour to know the truth of it from 62 (Coleman) and send us word. When you write to me hence-forward use this addresse without anything else; For Monsr. Corbett Advocate in the Counsell, in the street of Guinquampois att Paris. Your letters come to me so late that I cannot answer them till next post, but by this way I shall have them in a moment."

[*At the head of the letter*] "Charles Cottrell."

*Endorsed* "No. 35. Cler. July 4, 1676. Satterday."

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[The Same to the Same.]

1676, $\frac{\text{June } 28}{\text{July } 8.}$ "[Paris]."

"I have written four letters and had no answer. I wished my letters to be directed to Mr. Corbett because he dwells just against the Post house, and is careful to get and send on my letters quickly. I will not write about the Antwerp business until the King comes today or tomorrow.

"Here is a business whereof I think myself obliged to give you notice, 93 (the Dutchesse) desires to have Monsr. Patouillet in her house, and they say that 39 (the Duke) concernes himself about it; in the meane time those persons with whom 49 (St. Germain) dwells have already retained him for them, and this desire of 93 (the Dutchesse) who hath moved for that at 43 (Rome) is discovered, especially since that 488 (the King's Confessor) had desired that that should be done for the former person. Two things oblige me to write to you to pray you to tell 62 (Coleman) that 49 (St. Germain) would be very glad that 93 (the Dutchesse) should continue in her first resolution because it is fitt her desire should be satisfied, and moreover because by that meanes 49 (St. Germain) will find an imployment in the towne where he now is, which will fix him there for a long while, and will free him from the fear he is in of being sent somewhere else, and by that meanes he will be in a condition to serve his friends according to their desire. Let 62 (Coleman) think well of what I write in favour of 49 (St. Germain) who if that person go to 93 (the Dutchesse) shall have that which was destined for him here; therefore 62 (Coleman) must needs tell 93 (the Dutchesse) that the friends of 49 (St. Germain) had engaged that person for themselves, and that it would be needful for 93 (the Dutchesse) to write or cause a little letter to be written to Monsr. de Champs (who is the same person here as Mr. Strange is amongst you) for to pray him to give her that person, and not to oppose her satisfaction in that point, for by that meanes the thing will infallibly be done. If one could obtaine one little word by letter from 93 (the Dutchesse) for that person the thing would go so much the better. But there is no time to be lost for there are those which will strive to prevent 62 (Coleman) with 93 (the Dutchesse) by getting her to retard her request by a yeare longer, that is to say, for ever, for if that busines be not done now it will not be done at all. I have convincing proofes of it. If 62 (Coleman) would write alsoe himselfe to 488 (the King's Confessor) to signify to him that one can by no meanes refuse 39 and 93 (the Duke and Dutchesse) without disobliging and vexing them it would not be amisse, but it is necessary first to know what the 488 (the Confessor) of 39 (the Duke) has said concerning this matter to 39, and 93 (to the Duke and Dutchesse) for I doubt not but he has bin writt to about it. I beg one word of answer concerning this affaire as soone as may be by the addresse of Monsr. Corbett . . . . . The nephew and neece of Mr. Gray arrived here yesterday. The uncle salutes you, and the nephew will be shortly at London."

[*At the head of the letter*] "Charles Cottrell."

*Endorsed* "No. 36. Cler. 8 July."

[*In these three letters the names are inserted after the numbers in a blacker ink than the rest of the letter.*]

[The Same] to the Same.

1676, July $\frac{1}{11}$. Paris.—"I have already writt thrice unto you to give you thanks for the last obligations I have unto you, which enables me

to continue my thanks, as I doe by this letter with all my heart and as I shall doe till I hear of your receipt of them. 87— is come to see Mr. St. Germain this morning and desires that Coleman would send him his news directly to himself. Mr. St. Germain and 87— will join together to communicate to Coleman what shall happen, remember to direct my letters to Mr. Corbet Advocate of the Councill to the end I may receive them in good time. I writt to you about the difficulties that occurre touching the sending of Mr. Patouillier in the place of Mr. St. Germain and what is to be done thereupon. But there is come a thought into my head about this Mr. St. Germain which you may communicate to Coleman if you think fitt, which is if the Duke and Duchesse of Yorke would cause one to write to the K. of France's Confessor to engage him to speak to the K. of France to write to the K. of England to desire him to consider of the justification of Mr. St. Germain and that he would give him leave to come over and clear himself and that he might be under the protection of Mr. Ruvigny, the said Confessor will assuredly most efficatiously do it, and obtain it of the K. of France for reasons which I will acquaint you with in due time, but if you doe not judge this fitt pray at least get the Duchesse to write or cause a letter to be written as soon as may be to the person who holds the same place now as Mr. Strange dos with you (whose name I have acquainted you formerly with) that he may grant the request of the Duchesse for this is of the most utmost consequence to St. Germain. I am much concerned that I have no news from you, I know not why you are so silent. I am affraid that what I writt to you concerning your Ambassador's secretary is the cause, pray free both me and 87— from our fears. Maastricht is invested they say by the Prince of Orange, and that the King who came hither but on Wednesday night last is about to returne again. Others say the peace is made with Holland and that Brabent is given to the Prince of Orange and that they will let him take Maestricht whilst the King will take Valanciennes and Cambray, I referre my selfe to the issue. The process of Madam Brinvilliers is much advanced, but is a great secret yet. Pray think on Mr. St. Germain and on me. I am just now told that one belonging to the house of Conde is come to advertise the F. Confessor of the Duke d'Enguien to be in readiness to depart on Munday and that the King goes too. St. Germain has not yet seen the King's Confessor who came hither but on Thursday and is most extremely full of visitors, but he will see him and speak to him ere long."

*Endorsed* "Translated by Sr. Robt. Markham. No. 37."

[The Same] to the Same.

1676, July $\frac{5}{15}$. Paris.—"Your letter of the $\frac{29\text{ June}}{9\text{ July}}$ could not come with more expedition. I am much pleased with this way and desire you alwais to use it. I have spoaken to the K.'s Confessor concerning the Antwerpe merchants, he told me the K. of France having given it in commission to one of his most trusty ministers of State to inform in that matter what was to be done the said Confessor thought that affair had been answered, but seeing that Minister of State is not here he could give me no farther account thereof, as soon as I understand that that Minister is here I will see him. 87 came to see me this morning as he used to doe every post day, he presents his service to you, having nothing more than I have to acquaint you with, only he desires that the news he was wont to receive by Mr. Botteman may be addressed

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directly to himself, seeing that will be most usefull to him, for that this post in he has not yet received those letters which were directed to the little banker. The affairs of St. Germain will goe well here if Coleman take cair the Duke and Duchess of Yorke persist in their desires to have the person they have proposed to be put in the place of Coleman's friend (for if they press it never so little more they will assurelly have him) and then St. Germain will be sure to be with Mr. Warner, to doe then what he did when with the Duchess, and thereby be able to continue to serve his friends as shall be judged convenient. But if Coleman judges the Duke has any remains of kindness for St. Germain the occasion is fair, for (since the K.'s Confessor had a designe to have that person near himself whom the Duchess desires) if the Duke would cause one to write to the said Confessor signifying that if he cannot have that person he desired they should send him at least St. Germain, I am sure the Confessor would then propose it to the King of France to write to the King of England, to the Duke, and to Ruvigny, to testifye he would be very glad leave might be given to St. Germain to make known to the King and Parliament the truth of his case after which one might act with the Parliament and the House of Commons by Coleman's and St. Germain's friends to obtain of the Parliament a favourable audience. These are visions that come into my head it is for you to chouse which will be best and propose it to Coleman as you shall think fitt. The French Ambassador's Confessor has written to St. Germain and acquainted him with the sentiments Coleman has of him, and he has desired me to tell you that he is very much obliged to Coleman for them, the Duke and Duchesse have also spoaken very kindly of him to that Confessor as he wished, and I desire you on his behalf when you have a fitt opportunity to testifye all the acknowledgements that this deserves. If the papers come they will be of great use. Maestricht is entirely free, there was a correspondance in the town held with the enimie for getting the magazine on fire but it being discovered the enimies are retired, Mr. De Monbron has surprised a 1000 of the garison of Cambray 400 are taken 600 defeated. The affair of Madam Brinvilliers goes on apace, yesterday the Commissaries confronted her with a certain advocate named Briament who had been tutor to her children they made not an end till six aclock at night, the advocate spoak much in the matter and there are all ready erected scaffolds *a la grava* where she is to be executed. Things are kept very secret and there are some in great fear who seem to put a good face on the matter. I have received the letters of my Lady the Countesse I shall expect her orders, but am afraid the thing can not be done on the conditions she desires."

*Endorsed* "Translated by Sir Robert Markham. No. 38."

[The SAME] to the SAME.

1676, July $\frac{8}{18}$.—"For newes I have but two things to acquaint you, one is that the siege of Maestricht is formally laid, there are fourscore pieces of ordinance brought from Holland to batter the place which is beseiged by an army of twenty seaven thousand men and there is likewise an other army in the places round about to prevent its being surrounded consisting of thirty thousand more. The garrison is well accomodated in all respects, hath six thousand foote, twelve hundred horse and three hundred dragoons; Letters are expected from Monsr. Louvoy on his return to resolve the time of the King's departure; the other part of news is that Madame Brinvilliers was yesternight

about halfe an hour after seaven of the clock executed; her sentence was to make amend honorable, that is, to stand in her shift about her other habits, a rope about her neck, bare footed, which was done before the Church of Notre Dame, from thence shee was carried in a tumbrill to the place called the Gréve, there to have her head cut off, the body burnt and the ashes throwne into the fire; before all which I should have told you shee was put to the rack ordinary and extraordinary, shee had spoken the night before with the Father Chevigny, father of that oratoire, and the morning after they had read her sentence shee thanked the judges for having used her so favorably. Shee confest herselfe to Monsr. Pivot Doctor of the Sorbon saying that there needed no rack shee would tell all, and indeed shee was three hours with two Comissioners of Parliament, but shee confessed only what concerned herself that shee had poysoned her father three times in two years and her two brothers, shee hath chardged no confederate wnich was the cause that shee was put to the rack ordinary and extra-ordinary, but shee would discover nothing. She hath showed in all a great deal of resolution and prescence of mind and all Paris was I think at her execution. I know not yet all the particulars. I attended last night to have heard some news from you but I received none yet—think of what I writ and I pray instruct mee in every thing.

The trenches before Philipsburgh were opened $\frac{2}{12}$ instant at night the governor made a sally and having repulsed the enemy, he att the same time caused a man to slip out to give the K. advise.

I have seen a letter from the camp of Monsr. Luxenburgh that sayes he hath got sixty peices of canon and is going to attaque the lines of the enemy, he hath made a detatchment to joyne Monsr. Crique to fall on the enemy on an other side."

*Endorsed* "No. 39. Translated by Mr. Cheyne."

[The SAME] to the SAME.

1676, July 11, Paris.—"I am much obliged to you for the cair you take of my little affairs, I have recived the great packet which Botteman sent me from Lord Bellasis. I advise you to keep me as much as possible you can in his good opinion, because he is a man has much obliged me to be his servant I have already told you that your letters will be very serviceable to me but they will doe me no good if they come not directly to my self for they arrived yesterday in the atternoon and I have not received them yet, besides when we shall have them at the first hand, with one stone you will kill two birds for I will show them to Mr. Julij and your banker shall not faile to see them time enough for him. My nephew will depart please God on Monday sennight. This is all I have to tell you at the present, when Mr. Julij writes to you I need not put you to double charges because there is no post but I see him an hour before the currier goes."

*Endorsed* "Translated by Sir Robert Markham."

[The SAME] to the SAME.

1676, July $\frac{12}{22}$.—"I have received yours of the $\frac{8}{18}$ July and I believe you should answer article by article, St. Germain hath desired mee to tell you that you will oblige him to renew his acknowledgements to Coleman which yett are not without much regrett for that Coleman advises him that 'tis not necessary that he should write to the Duchess

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touching the affaire of mony which infallibly shewed him that 'tis Coleman alone that hath chardged himself with the mony for St. Germain, which St. Germain would never have suffered, had he had the least suspition of it, and most assuredly being of the humour I knew him, and how he understands things, he will doe his business sooner or latter. Thursday's post is come but I have no notice of the papers wee must expect, and is it not troublesome, St. Germain as he told mee was againe yesterday to speake with the Confessor, touching the merchants of Antwerp, but he was shut up about affaires and not to be spoken with, but St. Germain intreated a domestick of the Confessor's to put him in minde and I believe the Confessor desires that he who is to succeede St. Germain in his place of England should live with the Confessor, and be one of his; if the Duchess and Coleman will make use of this conjunction and write to the Confessor to put him in minde of the affaire of the merchants of Antwerp the business would succeed, my thoughts are, that Coleman should write to the Confessor as from the Dutchess to give him the severall notices or to send St. Germain where he was before, that is to say that the King of France should write to yong Ruvigny that he should take care of the affaire of St. Germain with the King of England and the parliament till it were well understood, or if that cannot bee, that they should send to the Dutchess him who pretends to the place of St. Germain, for by this meanes the Confessor could not but send the person whom the Dutchess desired, and at the same time something should be said touching the merchant of Antwerp —•—that if the Dutchess would cause it to be positively signified to the Confessor that he think no more of him whom he desired and also to sound the . . . affaire of Antwerp . . I believe this would be the shortest way, it's true St. Germain would suffer by it, but what matters that? I am affraid for Coleman if once they come to declare against the Catholique religion, the Catholiques and consequintly the Duke of Yorke: In the name of God instruct mee well of every thing that passes heerin. I have not yet heard any thing said of Madame de la Tremblay, which I expect with some impatience, and for the notice you give mee to her advantage and by my solicitations I will ingage her all I can to induce old Ruvigny to performe his duty to the King of France and the Ministers of State. I protest before God that 'tis now the only thing I aime att, I believe you see well enough why, and I pray you to give me exact account of all that I shall entrust you with to Coleman, because I cannot write to him but by you. Lett me understand what is done with you in the affaire of the successor of St. Germain, for I shall not name him hereafter but by the name of Successor. The Confessor doth his business and will see to it . . . . . The Embassador is writ to to speake of it to the King of England as of a traffiquer who might be prejudiciall to the Dutchess and Duke; is that true? if the Dutchess bee stedfast most assuredly St. Germain will have his place, if not, he knows not what will become of his trade, but if the Dutchess give way handsomely to the Confessor, there is nothing which the Confessor will not likewise agree to, wherefore Coleman must manadge this conjuncture and that he ask in requital the affaire of Antwerp . . . . . and the fixing of St. Germain in the same place to carry on his traffick; this is all that can be said on this matter, Ruvigny is mightily prevented in whatsoever may be objected against the Catholiques and against those of England which are the friends and kindred of St. Germain. St. Germain knows he speaks very ill of them I pray say nothing of it. The Trenches are opened before Philipsburgh, says one letter that I have seen, they are

not distant about one hundred and fifty paces from the ditch on one side and on the other three hundred. This letter construes that Mons. de Luxumburgh is going to fall into the retrenchments of the enemy and Mons. de Crequi likewise in severall places. Maestricht is also beseiged; 'tis thought the defiles will hinder Mons. Schomberg of releiving it but the towne is well fortified and the garrison neere eight thousand of the best men of France, 'tis said our army will besiege Yprés, Aires or St. Chilian. Some letters say Palermo hath civilly sent back the Spaniards, Naples hath given five hundred thousand crownes to repair the Spanish fleet. The Swedes are in their portes as 'tis said. It appears that Madame Brinvillieres hath bin too favorably treated by the parliament and 'tis believed the depositions shee has made are kept secret; this is all I know."

*Endorsed* "No. 41. Translated by Mr. Cheyne."

[The Same] to the Same.

1676, November $\frac{4}{14}$.—"I thought to have sent you some news of Monsieur de Ruvigny, of his secretary, of Madam de la Tremblay, and of the King's Confessor. But I am not further instructed than I was, seing that I could not speak with some nor meet with others. I saw Mr. Gray and his nephew, which last shewed himself very civill to me upon Mr. Coleman's account and promised to tell me news from England. Tis only by publick report that I learnt what is said of Mons. de Ruvigny his Secretary, and of the Embassador at Nimmeguen. Truly I am sorry for it and sometimes I fancy that Monsieur St. Germain might have been instrumental in it by shewing the letters to (Mr. Gray) I told him my mind as to that and found him much of the same mind insomuch that he told me he would for his part write about it to Mr. Coleman by way of complaint. I know him to be a person most ready to serve friends and no less sensible of other people's misfortunes. Madam de la Tremblay is resolved to write to him who writ to her. But it was impossible to transact any businesse the last time he was here, because Monsieur de Ruvigny's wife was present all the while, and never out of sight. He will return an answer as soon as possible, and you may assure of it him that you know, here is no news stirring. You know what Mons. de Ruvigny's Secretary told him concerning his friend, and now Monsieur de Ruvigny protested that he had shewed himself very much concerned about it to the King of France and Monsieur de Pompone which Monsieur de Ruvigny's Secretary has given sufficient testimony of. It happens very often that you omit several articles of my letters and leave them unanswered which is some trouble to me. So you slighted that passage concerning the good office I intended for our friend by endeavouring to procure him a pension out of an estate of Catholicks in France and to have it confirmed by the Pope, being he is a Catholick. I know not whether or no you have proposed the matter to our friend, nor how he likes of it. Therefore I desire the favour of you to acquaint me with it. Neither do you tell me any thing about the merchants of Antwerpe. The King's Confessor has answered to the Duke of York as you know. But when all is done the King of France doth not seem to me very eager in the business. And it is said that letters of this nature which come to him from forrein countrys are not acceptable to him. We must have patience. You send me not a word of your Monsieur de Ruvigny or of his Secretary, nor of the King's Confessor. Doth Mr. Coleman see them? Is he a friend of their's? At last what do you say of the successor? I know him not; but he

was highly commended. Is it true that the Duchess of York's Confessor is threatened to be brought before the Parliament? I thank you for your care in the concern of the money in the King of England's behalf and those he owed money to. I assure you that I am as well pleased with you as if it were my own concern. We may chance upon that propound to you a small business which might be of some use, if Mr. Coleman doth but think it feasable."

*Endorsed* "No. 53."

[*At the head of the letter*] "Sir Gilbert Gerard."

[The SAME] to the SAME.

1676, November $\frac{8}{18}$.—"You have sealed your letter just upon the date of it, so that I cannot tell what day it was when you writ. On Wednesday last not hearing from you I wrote another letter to give you such information as I had ready for you and this day I write one only to give you notice, that I received your last, wherein you mention two things. The one about the merchants of Antwerp. Monsieur St. Germain told me to that point, that he dwells in the same shop of the King's Confessor, that he may come more freely to speak to him, and that he was gone for that purpose to his storehouse two several times, but found him so taken up that he was fain to put off the business to this day. However Monsieur St. Germain is of opinion that he must see Monsieur de Louvoy his father who gave the advice to the King of France about giving satisfaction to the Duchess of York. When all is done he is the person that must bring the business to perfection and whose hands it must needs go through. The other business concerns your Embassador the King's Confessor and Monsieur de Ruvigny. Wonderfull things are said here of Monsieur de Ruvigny and of his complacency for the King of England's inclinations. Nay he used this very word that he obeys him in all things, and intends to represent it as a very meritorious thing to the King and his Confessor. Monsieur St. Germain himself fears that if he should say what he heard of Mr. Coleman about that business, he should not be welcome, because Monsieur de Ruvigny and the King of France's Confessor not being of Mr. Coleman's opinion have undoubtedly disproved his conduct in France. Can no ways be found to get the Duke of York to acquaint the King's Confessor, or the King of France himself, with the opinion he has of Mr. Coleman? I know something about the King of France's son. But I dare not tell it you before you have acquainted me first with what you know of the Prince of Orange, whether it is true or no that he is to go for England about the design so much noised abroad, and which nearly concerns the Duke of York? You can not but know by this time the design Monsieur St. Germain had formed in Mr. Coleman's behalf. Tis for you to let me know, whether it is convenient that he should go on with it. For there is no pleasure in taking false measures. The King's Confessor has writ to the Duke of York to thank him for the letter he had received from him in Monsieur St. Germain's behalf, but Monsieur St. Germain is not the better for it, and in all likelyhood shall get nothing by it. However he is as thankfull as he ought to be. Send me some news of the Duchess of York's Confessor, and of his successor."

[*Endorsed*] "No. 54."

[*At the head of the letter*] "Sir Gilbert Gerard."

[The Same] to the Same.

MSS. of Sir W Fitzherbert.

1676, November $\frac{11}{21}$.—"Yesternight the King of France his Confessour came back from the visite hee had made to the King. But it was impossible for mee to speake with him either then or this morning when hee had shutt himself upp to write. I had given him a memorial concerning the merchants of Antwerp agreeable to Mr. Coleman's letter for treating with the King of France on that affaire, and hee it was that ask'd mee earnestly for it. I will write you word on Wednesday what hath been done in it. I have thought it fitt notwithstanding by this post to informe you of a thing worth your knowledge, which is that St. Germain told me that in discourse held th' other day with the King's Confesseur, he learnt from him that the Ambassadour's (Ruvigni's) Confesseur had sent him notice that the Duke of York was a lost man, and that he had it from the Ambassadour's (Ruvigni his) owne mouth. Thus you see the representations the Ambassadour gives of the D. of Y. to our friend the King of France. You may judge by this what to expect of this Ambassadour (Ruvigni) in favour of the Duke of Y. St. Germain added that the same Confessour had written in the same letter that the friends of St. Germain of England who drive on the same trade with him did give pernicious councils to the D. of Y. and that hee gave too great a credit to them. You may see by this whether this man is mistaken in his imaginations, and meantime 'tis hee that governs all that commerce. At least I feare it so. I write thus much to you, to the end that you may advertise Coleman of it, and that hee according to his wisdome may look into it. I have thrice been to visite the Ambassadour (Rouvigni) without finding him at home. It's some time since I saw the Secretary. I think that Coleman would doe well to write a word or two to the King's Confessour, but it should be something worth its paines, and should require an answer. For this Confessour is a man to bee press'd, and who of himself is too closse. And at the same time St. Germain would be obliged to Coleman, if in the same letter hee enquired of the Confessour what newes of the successe of that affaire the D. of Y. did recommend to him a favour of St. Germain. There is no other newes, but of the peace with Poland, and of the Confederates retreat from before Deuxponts. Some say Mons. de Crequi pursues Mons. de Zell, and others on the contrary that Mons. de Zell will block up Mons. de Crequi, who hastens all hee can to gaine an advantageous post, without which hee is lost. Wee must wayte for the successe.

"Since my letter was written, I have mett with St. Germain, mighty froward at what was said to him by a friend who was just come from the Confessour, being there when hee made answer to the Confessour of the Ambassadour (Rouvigni). This friend told him that the Ambassadour (Rouvigni) would spoyle all, and that hee had not the right apprehensions of things, to which the Confessour answered him that twas St. Germain must say this of the Ambassadour (Rouvigni) but that St. Germain was not well informed. St. Germain's friend replyed to the Confessour that what hee spoke hee tooke it from his owne self, and not from St. Germain. By which you may perceive how strongly the Confessour is prepossessed with the abilities of the Ambassadour (Rouvigni), and how necessary it will bee by some lucky hitt to gaine the Confessour's beliefe that St. Germain is not so ill informed and that Coleman hath greater power than the Ambassadour would have it believed."

*Endorsed* "No. 55."

[*At the head of the letter*] "by Puckering."

MSS. of Sir W. Fitzherbert.

[The Same] to the Same.

1676, November $\frac{18}{28}$.—"I am much obliged to you for your letter of the $\frac{9}{19}$ instant. My writing now is but to thanke you for it, having nothing new to send you. No not so much as of the merchants of Antwerp because the Confessor can doe nothing as yett. The Secretarie is gone for six weekes into the country as he sent St. Germain word. The Ambassadour (Rouvigni) is never to bee found. I have not seen Madame de Tremblay this twelve dayes. I have read your letter to St. Germain who was a little surprised at what you tell mee, that Coleman is incognito in the place from whence you writt to mee, and the rather for that the D and Duchess had bidd him goe into the countrey. St. Germain hath paraphrased much thereupon and is a little troubled at it. Putt us out of paine about it, if you can. My lodging being now in the rue St. Antoine at Mr. Warner's, it is but seldome I can see (87) Mr. Gray and his friend, because tis so far off. I am going into the country till newyeares day, but that shall neither hinder you having mine or my receiving of your letters, or doing whatever you desire of mee, as well as if I stayed in Paris, of which I shall not bee very farr off. *The affaire of the pension* concernes Coleman only, and St. Germain wishes that the King of Fraunce would doe something in favour of some of his nephews, according to the letter from the D. of Y. to the King's Confessour. And this something, for example, might bee a good benefice encouraged with a pension in favour of Mr. Coleman, for though the state hee is in may be a hinderance of it, neverthelesse the life hee'd put to it, and the service hee renders to the Catholiques is more than a sufficient *cause to incline the Pope unto it to whom it must* . . .

This is what in my last lettre I thought by your meanes Mr. Coleman should knowe. My last acquainted you with such conceptions as your Ambassador (Rouvigni) and his Confessor had of Mr. Coleman. After that hee may see what kind of people they bee."

*Endorsed* "No. 56."

("The Rest of St. Germain's letters abstracted by Sir John Knight.")

[The Same to the Same.]

1676, $\frac{\text{December } 22}{\text{January } 1}$.—I have received two letters from Madame de Framlay by your means, and direct the answers to you.

I grow jealous of Mr. Warner who receives letters from you weekly while I live in expectation. The plenipotentiaries parted on Monday.

Three pieces of news are reported from England. Do you know that Father Shelden goes to trade with your incognito? Do not mention this. He told Ruvigny that he feared Coleman was not his friend on account of the businesse of the Archbishop of Dublin. I presume that what I say to you is the same as if I said nothing.

"Translated by John Reresby."

*Endorsed* "No. 5."

Two pages of MS. Q. 23, 24, missing.

[*A portion of a letter.*]

"Confessor that the King ought not to do business with Denmark except through 39 (the Duke of York). That friend shall be called hereafter 41 (De Ruvigny) for I have not any name for him in the cypher."

"Translated by Rich. Temple."

*Endorsed* "No. 3. These first six were perused by Sir Thomas Lee. Altered (?) by Sir John Knight."

"St. Germaine's letters to Coleman."

[ST. GERMAIN to E. COLEMAN.]

1678, October $\frac{5}{15}$. "Pour avoir voulu defendre le Duc de York pendant six mois on me siffle maintenant quand j'avois parlé; Pour me restablir il faut que Colman m'en donne les moiens en me donnant des avis justes. Vous me dites que le Duc de Bouquinquam [Buckingham] a fait de sa teste dessein ce qu'il a fait, et cependant on me dit hier qu'il va Ambassadeur en Espagne; comment cela s'accorde il? Laiton partit de France depuis deux jours pour Angleterre ou qu'il sera Secre. du Duc de Bouquinquam en Espagne si ce l'est Roy d'Angleterre est l'intelligence de tous."

*Endorsed* "St. Germain's last letter to Coleman. Not to be decyphred."

INSTRUCTIONS.

"A French paper intituled Instruction."

. . Sa Ma[tie] tres Xtian avoit grand envie de m'envoyer en Angleterre mais quel n'osoit pas de peur de donner quelque ombrage et qué pas la mesme raison il ne m'osoit pas encorre parler de sa propre bouche, mais quil me prioit de vouloir assurer son Altesse par quelque secret moyén que sa Ma[tie] pran[ds] part en tout ses interests et quil luy servira en toút ce que luy tenu . . . . . fort p[er]suade que my Lord Ar: nest ny dans les entiro . . de sa Ma[te], ny dans cettes de son Alt. quoy que quelques uns travallient a luy persuader ny que le reassemble de cette Parli[mt] peut estre utile pour le R: Britanique ny pour son Alt: quoyque my Lord Ar: par ces ag[en]cey veut soustenir &c. si doney son Altesse le droit a propos d'avoir un autre Parl . . . quil luy assistera de sa bource pour en faire une telle comme il souhaitte, et quil luy prie de luy vouloir faire des propositions la decrés oú súr aucune chose quil jugerait apropos et utile estans resolú de faire tout son possible pour son service. Le Pere me dit encorre le friponery de Mons. de Sesaite et la follie des quelques autres des nostres mais que non obstant tout cela, et ausi quoy quil que sa Ma[te] scient fort bien qúe son Alt avoit envoyé en Flandres, le quelle en verite donnoit en peu d'ombragé non obstant tout cela sa Ma[te] estoit resolu de confier entierement en son Alt: et luy donner toute l'assistance imaginable, mais qúe súr toút il prioit son Alt: qué par ces soins et ses complaisances l'tacheroit de confirmer une perfaite intelligence avecq son frere. Il me disoit de[p]lus qué si Mr. de Ruevigny nestoit pas un home a votre gré, ne en la quelle on poúvoit avoir toute la conféance, que S: A: n'avoit que me donner les moindres ordres pour le fair scavoir a sa Mt. . . . un tacheroit y envoyer une personne comme . . . . "

[*This is the end of the sheet.*]

*Endorsed* "Num. 41. Instructions."

MSS. of Sir W. Fitzherbert.

## LETTERS. 1675 and 1676.

### W. Leybourn from Rome to E. Coleman.

### An Epitome of the Same. [*Original.*]

### Miscellaneous Letters.

[*The following portion of an Epitome of many letters, apparently from W. Leybourn to E. Coleman, is the only part extant.*]

"particularly to Lord Arundell. I long for your next because it promiseth much which straitnes of time made you omit in your last.

"July 10.—My last which was by the last post acquainted you that the letter of the Duke of York to the Pope was received. The good man in reading it could not abstain from teares. Cardinal Norfolk doth [*illegible*] answer, will shortly be sent, though upon the matter it hath been done anticipatedly. Greater tenderness with expression of kindnes and esteem could not be expected as you are desired to signify.

"July 16.—What hath come to your mind concerning a match with the Prince of Florence and our Lady Ann deserves better reflexions than I am able for the present to make of it. Setting aside the interest which might move the Duke of Florence to desire it, I am verily perswaded that the greate respect he hath for the Duke of Yorke would set a great weight upon his inclination to carry him towards it. I had yesterday a letter from the Duke of Florence who continues his pressing earnestnes for compassing the busines which hath been so often mentioned. I doubt it may linger a great while if such a reason be expected as may satisfy the enemies of religion. I thinke it might suffice to alledge that Mr. Plat is very unwelcome to the Duke of Florence.

"July 30.—The court here will not be well pleased till the new difficulties which obstruct the peace of Nimeguen be removed.

"July 24.—Mr. Gr[ane] is your servant this day he hath a brief of the Pope in answer to the letter of the Duke.

"August 6.—These must acknowledge the receipt of yours dated June 28 and July . . . . The postscript in one of them was very welcome for the satisfactory matter it gave me for a letter to the Duke of Florence after two weekes silence to the point he is so much concerned for. The same post did also bring me a letter from Lord Arundell to the same effect, which I shall thank him for shortly. Cardinal Norfolk hath writ to the King . . . sent a letter from the Queen of Sweden desiring him to take her . . . . protection in the treaty in Nimeguen. Reasons to prove the J . . . . . [*End of page.*]

[*The beginning of another page.*]

"pretences are sent to Mr. Cook. Cardinal Norfolk would be well pleased if Mr. Coleman would promote this interest with the Duke.

August 13.—I have had thanks this week from the Duke of Florence for the account I gave him the last of what was contained in letters from Lord Arundell and Mr. Coleman about Mr. Platt.

August 20.—We have had this week three from you, one of them gave hopes of a letter from the Lord Arundell. I am indebted to our friends in Fleet Street for two letters.

September 11.—A brief was sent last year dated about the moneth of May, and carried from hence by an Irish Bishop. Cardinal Norfolk would know if it were delivered to the Queen, the answer was late expected. Cardinal Barbarin is in pain to know whether a picture which he sent to her R[oyal] H[ighness] hath been received.

November 20.—Yours of October 5 and 8 found me in the country with Mr. Gra[ne], tomorrow we return to Rome. I am sorry that my

letter of September 11 as to that part which was in cypher, after the trouble it had given you, proved at length not intelligible. That which Cardinal Norfolk would know if delivered to the Queen was a brief sent to her from the Pope last yeare about the moneth of May and given by Cardinal Norfolk to an Irish Bishop who not passing by England delivered it to the Lady.

November 28.—The confidence with which Mr. Coleman ends his letter to the Prin . . . doth much please, but that delivered by Mr. Cann in naming . . . to Dutches Lauderdale the correspondent of Cardinal Norfolk is . . . . wondered at. I hope Mr. Coleman will on this accident judge . . . necessarry to proceed with more caution and send a false name to write to him. Cardinal Norfolk hath had some answer from Portugal but no resolution, England's competitor is not Ca. Destrè but Rospi[gliosi] to whose unkle the Prince and Princess of Portugal owe their . . . [*ore word torn off*] December." [*End of page.*]

"December 18.—We are told the Duke of Modena intends a journey to London. Cardinal Norfolk will to his power second the demand which Barberine is to make in behalf of Prince Renaldo, he saith that concerne was never touched by the Duke or Dutchesse in any letter to him, nor did the Dutchess of Modena when she was here seem to relish it much.

"January 1, 1678.—The letter of the Duke to the Pope about the marriage of his daughter to the Prince of Orange hath been delivered. I confess the Pope remains satisfied that the Duke was in no fault, but in his intended answer will not touch the poynt. The busines of the Prince Rinaldo I fear is not yet ripe.

"October 1, 1678.—Intercepted. This week's post brought but one from you under date of August 23. It was almost overtaken by an express dispatched from Nimeguen by the Pope's Nuncio who yesterday morning brought the welcome news of a peace made between France and Spayn. His Holiness went the afternoon to St. Marie Major to thank God for that publick benefit, and Te Deum like to be sung."

### [W. Leybourn to E. Coleman.]

[1676], April 17. Rome.—There is little to write of. Mr. Gr[ane] sends thanks for your weekly favours, and desires me to let you know that the Duke's letter to the Pope, given to Mr. Con, has miscarried. The nuncio at Paris acknowledges the receipt of the packet in which it was and says he sent it on. The Cardinal of Norfolk has informed the Pope and Cardinal Cibo who says the only remedy now is a duplicate.

Things go on slowly as usual in the palace. It is reported that the Pope will shortly call to town some of his kindred and confer honours upon them without salaries. Your wise men much mistake foreign occurrences. There is no truth in the story that his Highness was expected in a few days in Florence, and Sir Bern. Gascoyn had been sent by the Duke to meet him at the frontier. Other reports concerning England are equally untrue though affirmed confidently. The Pope has lately given small pensions to the Cardinals. It is said the Cardinal of Norfolk has for his share 1600 crowns, part whereof will expire at the end of 6 years, according to the style of pensions given upon benefices in Spain and Portugal. This help it is thought bears but small proportion to his necessities. "But in this interested country and thrifty pontificate any little provision of this kind is thought considerable."

MSS. OF SIR W. FITZHERBERT.

## W. LEYBOURN to E. COLEMAN.

[1676,] May 2. [Rome.]—I have received your letters of March 17 and 20. The two preceding letters were lost, having been taken a few leagues from Brussels.

the Duke's
"What you wrote of 115 being advanced one step towards the
Card. Norfolk
R. C. religion was a most welcome news to 990 who pre-
Pope Card. Altieri
sently rejoiced 150 and 330 with it, and now your's of the
Card. Norfolk our Pope Card. Altieri's
27 hath fully compleated, 990 150 and 330
the Duchess's
joy with it, as also 70 mother and grandmother who are in
Rome Card. Norfolk
55 and 990 presently acquainted, noe wonder if fooles take like fooles and knaves like themselves. Your correspondent I assigned you is your humble servant, but wee will not alwaies too often trouble you with superfluous expensive letters, specially myself who am
the Duke
mightily streightned for want of time. My humble duty to 115
the Dutchesse
who I will serve unto death the best I can as also 70 who I
Catholique
hope will bring forth a happy 200. Some are anxious to know who will be Godfathers and Godmothers."

## The SAME to the SAME.

1676, May 16. [Rome.]—"I receive together your two of Friday
the Duke
the 7th and Munday the 10th Aprill, being much rejoyced 115
the Duke
doth soe well not doubting of God's blessing, but if 115 or
Duchess the Archbp. of Dublin Rome
70 employ 28 or his adherents in 55
Catholique
it will but confound them and the 200 affaires with chymericall
Rome
visions, which at 55 are not esteemed more then to spoyle
Rome Benedictine
reall affaires. Neither will 55 esteeme a 831 comeing on such things as belong not properly to his trade, but suppose his businesse is to gett a little money for himselfe, which is not soe
Prince Rinaldi's Card. Norfolk
easily parted withall. And as to 634 affair 990
hath twice (although nobody ever spoke to him of it) spoken earnestly about, but as affaires stand nothing can at present be done for many
Card. Fr. Barberine
reasons, and you may be sure that 31 who hath soe long
the Dutchesse Mother Rome Card. Norfolk
endeavoured it, and 78 now at 55 and 990
will doe their best when a fitting time and occasion will bee, without
Archbp. of Dublin
others foolish impertinent busy bodies; and as to 28 pre-
Duke
vailing with 115 in his late resolution, few or none will beleive it here,

he being so used to write falsehoods and forgeries, that his saying it maketh it not beleived, but if it were soe de bono opere non lapidamus te. He did his duty for which God recompense him. And as to what Mr. Sheldon the Archbp. of Dublin 37 pretends to say in the other point betwixt 28 Rome and his [*one or two words torn off*] 55 needeth not such learned witts to teach those who know bet[ter] [*one or two words torn off*] have already as foolishly been fidling, but neither fidler nor fidlestick is regua[rded]. They may teach fooles to dance if they can, for that tune soundeth not . . right where a better is used. The best Mr. Sheldon Duke Dutchesse employment 37 can for 115 and 70 is to become a Benedictine 83 and pray for them quietly whilest haveing nothing else to trouble you withal at present I am yours as you know."

[The SAME to the SAME.]

[1676,] June 20. [Rome].—No news. the Pope Pr. Rinaldi a Cardinall "Whatsoever I can with 150 for 634 being 346 the Dutchesse I shall doe my best in, and I am glad 70 will write to the Pope 150, which if ever before done it's a wonder it was not delivered Card. Altieri as 330 (who should know) tels me, but when this cometh I will the Duchesse deliver it, and tell both how 70 supposed hitherto a former the Duke's was. Your correspondent will be ready to obey 115 commands when he shall be honoured with them, and certainly hath good abilities a Bishop England for it. The new invented reports of 436 for 251 are chymeras, the Benedictine that haveing long since been disposed of, although 831 and England others played the fooles to stop the execution of it in 251, when it was not intended to be made use of but in due time, which others (at the Benedictines least as good as 831 and the Caballers) ought to judge, and when due time will be the same party, per se vel per alium, vel alios, the Benedictines may doe what will be to be done, for since 831 could not a Bishop Bishops gett to be 436 they would have two 436 in hopes to be the one, Ireland Armagh which would be altare contra altare, as in 10 betwixt 90 69 79 (?) Dublin and 28, but would be ever pejor priore, soe that they may set their minds and tongues at rest, and look well to what is committed to them. The French fired the Spanish and Holland shippes and galleys at Palermo most shamefully as I suppose you will heare more particularly from others. They say many of English marriners were with the French & . . Yours as you know."

[*The figures given as* 1 *in these letters may be* 4's.]

MSS. of Sir W. Fitzherbert.

[*The original letter, of which this is an exact copy, is also in this collection. The interpretations of the cypher numbers are in a different hand.*]

A Note.

"The letters next following were written from the same place (Rome) by Mr. Leybourn to Mr. Coleman. Mr. Leybourn is said to have been in nature of a Secretary to the Cardinal of Norfolk."

[*On the same page and in the same hand.*]

W. L[eybourn] to E. Coleman.

[1676,] September 5. [Rome.]—"Sir, I found in one of your last letters to Mr. Grane a desire of more punctuall correspondence from me then ordinary whilst the conclave sitteth. This desire shall be complyed with so farr as it is possible for me, but I feare your curiosity will not thereby remaine fully satisfied:

[*The following upon a loose sheet seems to be the continuation of this letter.*]—Satisfied. Those within the conclave, who look more religiously upon their obligation, keeping their secrets to themselves; and amongst the great variety of reports which fly abroad it is not easy to distinguish truth from falsehood. I shall therefore be sparing in delivery of such particulars, leaving you to the publick fame, which in the case may upon the matter be relyed upon as well as the intelligence of those who pretend to have the best information. You will find here the list of the Cardinalls, which you desire, ranged under their severall parties or heads, but the order of their promotions is not exactly observed, especially in the creatures of Altieri and Urbini (?) (who before the other of the same name dyed was called S. Sisto) should bee in the fourth place, and Batadonne in the 9th. There may be other pretenders to the Papacy besides these which are mentioned, but I marke those which are most remarkeable.

Cardinal Norfolk hath received letters from the King & Duke
990 89π8 0774ω2 54π4θφ 0θλε 500 9y2 115
enjoyning his adherence with France which he
4yxL̲δyxys 8xφ 9284⊙4y74 Lxπ8 152⊥8x78 84
appeereth by this post that to the Duke the Secre
9y1φ⊥404π8 38 π8xφ μλφπ π89π πA 115 21λ6⊥xJxφ4
of the Duchess will see.
π89παπλ113 I refer you to other particulars to my Lord Arrundell and Cardinal Norfolk
what I have writ unto εδJx02 9θwy241 9y2 990
to Mr. Hayd. Car. Norfolk will not accept the offer from
πλ εθ 89δ4φ 990 ⊥xJ yλπ 9774μδπ π84 λ64θ 6θλε
France of Albi, dreading the dependence which would follow
152 λ6 9⊥3x 2θ492xyς π84 z4μ4yz4y74 ⊥8x78 ⊥λωJz 6λJJλ⊥
a like offer from Spaine hath been refused
9 JxL 4 λ664φ 6θλε 125 89π8 344y θ46ωφ42. Many are of opinion the conclave will last long, especially if the French persist in their animosity against Altieri, who will be able in spite of them to hinder the election of any whom they would endeavour to have chosen without his concurrence. It would be a great service to the church if this quarrell (which seemes to have no deep bottome) were taken up. The present conjuncture seems most proper for it and Car. Norfolk might be a proper instrument
9y2 990 ‹x58π 349 μθλ4θ xyφπθωε4yπ I hear our

countryman the Cardinall of Norfolk hath his health well in the Conclave, and gaines much in the opinion of his brethren. As matter occurres to feed your curiosity you shall hear further from your most humble servant W. L." MSS. OF SIR W FITZHERBERT.

## The SAME to the SAME.

1676, September 21. Rome.—"Sir. The letters which came from you the last week had been acknowledged and answered by the ordinary way, had not the expectation of the great businesse perfected this morning made mee willing to deferre writing two days longer. Cardinal Odeschelechi is the person on whom the great lott is fallen by an unanimous consent of the electors, and who was designed before by a general desire of the people: the two great Catholick Monarchs concurring likewise in the election by their approbation of it, we have reason to promise ourselves that great matters will be done in his pontificate for the advancement of Catholick religion. Wee want here noe more at present to render our joys compleat then to bee assured that your Mistresse is happily delivered of a young Prince. This wee hope will be the subject of your next letter which therefore is expected with great impatience. My Lord hath by the currier who carries these writt both to your Mistresse and the Duke. You neede not be put in mind how requisite it is that the Dutchesse lose noe time in this occasion, but write with what convenient speed she can to his Holinesse, from whom she may promise herselfe all expressions that ought to be expected of a most tender and fatherly affection. The time I have for writeing of this is stolne from other businesses, which now calling for it againe oblige me to subscribe &c. &c.

Card. Norfolk judgeth it necessary that the Duke write also to 990 xω234π8 xπ γ474φ908 π89π 415 Lθxθ4 94φλ θλ the Pope and that the Dutchesse Southampton 450 and that 21 λ670 may doe well to propose. What was writt in the last letters concerning Prin. Rinaldi will be taken into serious consideration. Greater difficulties are to be overcome then you there, without a long discourse, will easily be perswaded of. However the person to whom the businesse is recommended will not be wanting on his part."

[*In the margin.*]

(This last P.S. is writt with the Cardinall's hand.) "Just now I understand of the Dutchesse delivery of a Princesse, which I told the Pope and all the Cardinalls of, who are all very glad. The Pope's name is Innocentius XI."

[*Copies.*]

[*A line has been run through all the cyphers in these letters which makes some of them difficult to determine.*]

## ALBANY to ———

1674, June 5. Brussels.—"Jay receu ce mesme jour nosne lune du 22 de passe, qui est la seule que j'ay receu depuis nosne depart. Je suis marry d'entendre que Mrs. Clement agree mon service et attend avec beaucoup d'impatience les occasions de luy faire paraitre le zele que j'ay pour cela. Obligez moy de le . . . . . des nouvelles de ce qui se passe par de la dont ie vous auray une obligation tres sensible."

*Endorsed* "de Monsr. Gabriel. 900."

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ALBANY to ———.

1674, September 4.—" Je suis fort marry d'apprendre par votre lettre du 14 du passé que les affaires de M. Clement continuent dans le mauvais penchant qu'elles ont fuis et qu'on doutoit si fort du mauvais succés de son procés. Je suis tousjours dans la curiosité de scavoir si le rapport s'en fera au mois de Novembre et vous prie de m'en mander les particularites le plus distinctement que vous pouvez. Je n'oublie pas l'advertissement que vous m'avez laissé touchant vos lettres lorsque vous fustes icy mais il ne m'a pas esté d'aucun usage jusques a cett heure. Obligès moi de la communication de vos nouvelles le plus souvent que vous pouvez et croyez que je suis plus que personne du monde."

*Endorsed* "No. 7."

ALBANY to ———

1674, September 28. Brussels.—I have received this weeke two of your letters, dated the 4th and the 7th of this month by which I understand in what condition the Duke's process is. I was ravished to find by the last that the tryal will be put off to another tyme, against the generall opinion. Without doubt this will extreamly rejoice the Pope and the Emperor whereof the first imployeth all his power, to accomodate the differences betweene Spaine and France, and I doubt not but the consideration of contributing by this meanes to the advantage, of the Duke and of the Catholiques, will further incite him to solicite this affaire upon the relation which the Nuncio, will make to the Pope of the importance of its successe for the Catholiques of England.

As for the Emperor he is soe zealous for the Duke's service, that I am assured he will omitt nothing on his side to facilitate whatever he shall find tend to the good issue of this affaire, whereof I will write to him particularily. Continue only to impart to me all the light that may serve to direct what it is to be treated on, I hope the next winter will give opportunity for more happy negotiations even to the mediation of the Pope, whoe hitherto hath not beene able to act att all as you have knowne from other partes.

*Endorsed* "No. 9."

[*At the head of the letter* (17), *and*] "Translated by Humphrey Murch."

——— to ———

1674–5, March 16.—" Truly I am soe great a blockhead that what you think needed not have [been a] mistery to me would have continued, soe I am confident till Doomsday without this eclarsisement for I must confesse it should have been the last thing I should have guest you should make a secritt of for I should never have imagined it should have been a hazard to have said I could not read that letter. I am sorry you had not my two letters, I sent them you in the Abbot's packett, you must not lett them bee lost, for besides that I write very freely in them there is a letter from the old Gentleman to the Duke inclosed in one of them. What you understand not about allowing my cause the Duke time for the payment, those two mislayd letters will have eclarsised which I will not doubt but you have before this; I am sure I meant it not for any money to bee paid to mee or for mee but onely to pursue that way of writinge and to tell you that I gratiously allowed him his own time and way to doe his own buisnes *after I had don what* I could and what I thought. You are in the right the *Bishop of Dublin* and Lord Arrundell are not without the French King *as they are then* with the French King and have all that I can do for them to boot [*two words*

*torn*] Duke himself in the posture of his cause to bee sure may have employed himselfe all the faire sober honest or wise men of the Parliament his friends on his side who really may stand aloof [from] the French King be joyned with him for the French King's pract[ices] you know whether deservedly or noe; it is no matter but they are suspected by a great many good men of the Parliament family who wish the Duke well and loosing them may be a loss indeed to the Duke. On the other side let us see what advantage the Duke may have being joyned with the French King supposing it heartily and really on the French King's side and that he would employ all his interest in his buisenesse. Money indeed is a cuning sophister and has interest upon a great many of Parliamt. friends, but then they are such as when they have promised £1000 all you can desire are not to be relyed on, you know those whome money have a power with are the scum of the family who will promise one thing to day and act quite contrary tomorrow, as Ruvigny his predecessor was formerly found to the French King coste, and the one of the other, nor could you believe it unlesse you thought mee such a one too as wee know him to bee, our outward secret is well and hee seeth it very often for hee is not so [great] a foole not to know that I have discovered them, Thrugmorton knows not what to say to Coleman and Ruvigny's discourse nor what judgment to make of Pompone and Ruvigny their proceedinges, to deal freely with you Thruckmorton is nettled at it and thinks the Duke has a great deal of reason to resent it, for what is this discourse between Coleman and Ruvigny to the performing what Pompone promised Thrukmorton, Ruvigny comes now to enquire of Coleman how hee shall place sum trust not to proceed to a tryall and their decisun of all but to stave of the brunt till the French King have made an end with Holland, the Emperor and Governors of the Spanish Neatherlands and then sayes hee to the King and Duke and all of you, now gentlemen do what you please. Ruvigny should be hanged in my poore judgment, durst I . . . . the Duke or Coleman before I would say a word to him or help him in the least but after all that has been said send to Pompone . . . [*a different hand*] Pompone promised Throckmorton not to dare trust the Duke with £100000 or half £100000 his interest but comforting to Coleman whom to lay out abroad pec . . to an attorney. I say againe mee thinks I would show them I could drive on my interest without them and leave the heretick's whelp to follow his, and if the Duke and Coleman doe not find their account by these and, if it should happen soe againe the Duke were in a worse condition than ever, besides hee shall have the . . . to have trusted to people who have used him ill and would trust him noe more than a common solicitor of that cause; that is my sentiment I must confesse, if there be hazard in all sides I would choose that way that I might perish the more honorably. I shall submit however and shall if I can take some handsome opportunity of speaking to Pompone; as to my friends you speak of I have told you in mine last post how it was with me.

"They are not people who I must pretend to governe or propose things abruptly to I loose my credit with them then, but as I have already told you if once they were handsomely introduced and received by the Duke I am sure they and what they had would lye at his feete."

*Endorsed* "No. 36." [*And a few signs.*]

[*A copy.*]

[ST. GERMAINE to E COLEMAN.]

1675, April 13.—"I hear that Capt Bourgh, by whome I wrot fell sicke by the way, I know not therefore if you have received it yet or noe. The

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summ of it was to desire you a little to consider what I were best to doe, you are the properest to judge how I may serve my [cousin] A the Duke or whether I may be serviceable att all or noe, for that way, a probability of it, soe I have but bread to keep me alive, I prefer before all other things in the world. But supposing I could not be usefull in that I have I thinke but two things to propose to myself, and those I mentioned to you and desired your direction for my choise, it is either to retire or to endeavour to push my fortunes in the wars abroad. For the first I told you (though I hope I should bear it well enough to Germany) it is not to be done out of gaietie de ceur, and for the second I have onely Spaine, France, and Holland, to thinke of. For the latter truly I have noe greate minde to it, I hate the people and their cause. For the second I like them very well but as I told you att large theire troopes consists of two sorts, eyther natives or foreigners. For the first theire pay is soe small, that there is never a Collonel who spends not 1500 pistols a peece att least more than the proffitt of the regiment, and that you know is not for my purpose. For the second they are either Sweeces, Italians, or our King's subjects. Of these latter there are foure regiments of which Doughlas and Hamilton are first for Lieutent Collonel to Monmouth which is equall to any other Regiment; and Churchill I have wrot to you any times these three monthes about being assured that neyther Churchill nor Clarke would come over any more, but heareing nothing from you of it makes me conclude that eyther you have seen not those letters, or that there is nothing to be done in it, and consequently noe thoughts of any thing for me in France. Wherefore then my last hope must be for Spain in which I told you my cousin A. the Duke's recommendation and help would be verie necessary, and therefore desired you if things went soe that you thought there could be noe use of me another way to sollicite my cousin A . the Dukes cause this turn etc. that you would speak to my cousin A. the Duke about it, for if I loose this campayne too I must never thinke of souldiering more, for the lost of two yeares in an active war is never to be recompenced in my age, and if war must be my trade I had better lost a limb then last campayne; but you know I have not wherewithall to volunteere it any more, wherefore if you judge I am not likely to be usefull to A the Duke pray try what might by A the Duke's interest be in Flanders, for it is an idle unacomptable thing for me to be thuse, you will know my meaning I hope especially if you have my letters, I would not willingly be such a burthen to you as necessaryly I am without some hopes of serveing A. the Duke yourselfe as [my] owne self att least by it, and that I cannot express . . . what I now doe for I cannot soe much as convince my cousin A. the Duke by this life that I would serve him, that, I am a little capable of it and that I might share of his good opinion, at leaste, it hath nothing else to give the same is being ruined and if I am to begg it shall not trouble me, if I can but serve him, or att least convince him that I would, and if I cannot doe that I would then desire you to advise me which of the other two propositions you are for.

I have been forced to draw the bill uppon Mr. Arthur this post, you will be pleased to acquaint him with it that it surprise him not.

It is this makes me presse you to advise me, not any other impatience, for I know if it be likely that I can eyther serve A. the Duke or my selfe by my stay here you will not grudge any paine uppon that accompts, but if there be not that I would not presse you for money att present, and ruine us more if it be possible att last without any prospect of good to some of us.

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I have noe letter these two last posts from you soe I have little to say to you, and the trueth is D. S. has kept me three houres this morning, I will see your friends as soone as these great holy days are over. We have here a report that Mr . . . . . in the neighbouring of Gent I was told last night that Madam de Montespan has retired herself without the King's knowledge into a nunnery, and thence has writt to desire him never to see her more. There are discants made upon it some that it is zeal and that she intends to change, others that it is only to whet love, what there is of that I know not but the matter of fact I believe is true though I have not been att court, however pray name me not for the author. Pray persuade yourself and Lady that noe body loves you more nor is more your humble servant than I am."

### Albany to ———

1675, June 3.—"Vous avez deja . . sans doute appris par les nouvelles publiques l'affaire de 220 qui vous servira d'une exposure . . . . . de l'affection de 250 aux affaires de 289 dont vous pouvez ainsy . . . une consequence tres assurée de ce que vous desirez esperer quand les affaires de Mr. Clement aurez besoin de l'assistance de 900. Je suis bien aise d'apprendre que ses affaires ne recoivent jusquis a cette heure aucun preiudice dans le proces [*2 words torn off*] et si servis [*torn off*] . . . le detail de vos affaires comme vous m'auriez faier esperer par . . . derniere lune de 7 Avril, apres laquelle ie n'en ay pas receu d'aucunes j'en attend avec impatience de recevoir plus que [*torn off*] . . . se depense [*torn off*] ce que ie crois de m'envoyer de nouvelles de Mr. Clement . . . ceque nous luy aurez faier esperer de m'informer tres particulierement de ce que se passe en un moment."

*Endorsed* "900."

### E. Coleman to the Internuncio.

1675, August 30. Windsor.—"It is true sir that (250) the Pope hath given us a dear and evident mark of his affection toward the (260 of 289) Catholics of England. But (Monsr. Gabriel) the Internuncio hath testified noe lesse in doing justice to the merits of (220) Cardinal Norfolk, which he mentioned in his letter of the 6th of July, since wee have reason to attribute his success to the just (or favourable) character that Monsr. Gabriel (the Internuncio) hath given of him. I doe not at all apprehend that (Monsr. Gabriel) repenteth himself of the good offices that hee hath done him, but that hee will find them recompensed by the satisfaction which hee will receive in his friendship.

"As for (Monsr. Clement) the Duke, I beleeve that hee hath already found the effect of your prayers, and that hee hath almost surmounted all the difficulties which have opposed his establishment. The face of his affairs is well changed, for wee now passionately wish to see the coming on of (125) the Parliament, which wee soe much feared before, and while it was held doubtfull whether we ought to meet or noe, wee employed all our power to bring it on, which point we have gained but within these few days. And for my part I noe ways doubt that wee shall receive as much good by it as wee apprehended of ill, provided that (Monsr. Clement) the Duke, faile not in the execution of the good resolutions which hee hath taken. There is but one thing to bee feared where I have a very great apprehension that can hinder the success o our designes, which is a division amongst the (260) Catholics themselves, which hath already broke out at Paris amongst some (260) Catholics of (289) England touching some difference of opinion in their debates.

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"I find that some of them have sent their complaints to (900) Rome to have their antagonists condemned. I have no intimate acquaintance with the person complained of, and I dare affirm that hee hath made . . . ice as many (260) Catholics in (289) England, of those which were [*one word torn off*] before as any other person of his quality, and that hee is as well inclined toward (250) the Pope, and his whole family as the best [of the] accusers, and I assure you hee hath many friends here of the first rank of (260) Catholics, who would not engage in his affaires if they did not believe that hee marched steadily toward the common end, although hee affecteth sometimes to express himselfe somewhat different from some of his brothers. As for mee I beleeve there is too much passion on both sides, and if it shall soe fall out that his enemys prevail against him, and procure his condemnation at (900) Rome, I [am] afraid that divers others will take occasion from thence to fall [upon] many (260) English Papists before (125) the Parliament, desir[ing] its friendship about some extravagant propositions concerning the authority of (250) the Pope, to which the other (260) Catholics ca[nnot] submit; which will give occasion to (125) the Parliament to . . . their conjunction to those who require it upon the conditions before mentioned, that is conditions prejudicial to the authority of (250) the Pope by the hatred which they bear to all the (114) Religion of the (260) Catholics, because they may persecute the rest of them with m[ore] appearance of justice, and ruine the one halfe of them more easily than the whole body at once. Soe that it seemeth to mee that all the (114) Religion should bee much more severely dealt with by reason of their complaint than now it is. It would be very improper in the present conjuncture of our affaires to make any division betwixt the (260) Roman Catholicks of (289) England upon any occasion whatsoever.

"But for my part I doe not perceive any prejudice that can befall (114) the Religion from any of those things against which some persons [seem to] bee soe furiously enraged, because to my apprehension there is n[othing] contained in them, but what hath heretofore been maintained [seem to] of worth and honesty, with the general approbation of the w[hole] world, and particularly by D. Eiizade a Spaniard in his [work] entitled *De forma veræ religionis et invent* . . . .

If you doe not understand the subject of this letter our friend from whose hand you shall receive it will informe you, and let you know the persons and all the matters which have passed betwixt them, and when you shall bee fully possessed of them, and shall possibly come to bee of my opinion that it is necessary to prevent all differences betwixt the Romanists of England at this present conjuncture I hope you will contribute your utmost endeavour to prevent the condemnation of (900) Rome in anything that may occasion a breach among the Catholicks of England. I very well know that Monsr. Clement (the Duke) will hold himselfe much obliged by those who shall concerne themselves in the pacification of this disorder, from whence wee dread soe much mischief, and that (700) the Emperor and (Monsr. Gabriel) the Internuncio cannot performe an office more gratefull to him than to prevent (250) the Pope, or any of his family, to embark themselves in this affair which would raise some dispute among us, &c."

"Translated out of French according to the key received from the Committee of Lords for examining Coleman's papers."

——— to Mr. Coleman.

1675, December $\frac{11}{21}$. Paris.—"I found your letter at my arrivall at Paris which gave me a most sensible joy to see myself yet in your

remembrance, and more in your favour for which I thank you with all my heart as for a present the most precious I could receive on your parte and I conjure you to treate me as the most pasionate of your friends and the most faithful of your servants. I have spoken con-
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cerning Mr. Coleman to the King of France's Confessor and I found
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him well disposed to enter into the commerce of the Catholiques, but to
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tell you the truth I have cause to believe that father Sheldon hath
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made some ill impressions of Mr. Coleman to the King of France as of a person whose advice is too violent to succeed in the traffick wherein
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the Duke of York is ingaged. I will endeavour to discover the truth in a little time, they have expressed to me a great desire to help the
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Roman Catholiques and the Duke of York in their business but it's feared that some merchants that are come to thwart them should not
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alter the King of France as to the point of money for they say they see noe fruite of it, and moreover there are some that doe much decry the
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Duke of York in the mind of the King of France as if he had no creditt at home little feared and less capable to execute anything; you may believe me, if I am deceived send me word exactly what there is to be said in it for they will heare me, and I hope to speak with the
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King of France in a few daies; you know who I am. I salute Madam your wife, my respects to all my friends, I am come hither the day before yesterday which was Thursday and I write to you to-day being Saturday, my letter ought to be with you on Wednesday or Thursday, Sir 'tis your humble servant Dr. Ponthieu for it is soe that you ought to write the adress of your letters for me, I am at the College of Dermont in St. James Street. I think you had best address your letters to me myselfe without passing them through the hands of Mr. Warner. The letter that was given you was not from Madam
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Ruvigny but from Madam de la Tremblay who writt to me from
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Paris. I tell you again that the King of France is not resolved to
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recall Mr. de Ruvigny from the traffick he hath engaged him in; he knows he hath done more hurt than good, but other considerations retard that affaire. One of your friends says that he will see if he can
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make him understand things; but Coleman must unfold to me very well what he aimes at and the meanes to arrive to it; the same friend says
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alsoe that he hath made the King of France his Confessor conceive that
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the King of France ought not to doe any business with Denmarke but
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by the meanes of the Duke of York and he promised & hath engaged
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himself upon his life to the Confessor to make all things succeed soe

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they go by that way. Hath he done well, and doe you know that 41.
friend? He shall be called hereafter Monsr. de Ruvigny for I know not any name for him among your cyphers."

"Translated by Richd. Temple."

Superscribed for Mr. Coleman, Secretary to Her Royal Highness."

[*Endorsed*] "No. 3. These first six were perused by Sir T. Lee. St. Germain's letters."

——— to ———

1675, December $\frac{15}{25}$. Paris.—"I cant help writing to you againe this weeke, having two things to communicate to you, one is that I've seen Father Sheldon, who dessignes to goe and transact concealed in your country. He thinks to begin his journey in 8 or 10 days, but take no notice of this for feare it be known who told it you. He would by all means that I should carry him to wait upon the King's Confessor where he uses his own uttmost endeavours as also the interest of every body besides to ingratiate himselfe he will not be thought a marchant and therefore weares a sword and lodges with the Archbishop of Dublin. They both of them as I am told presse forward that businesse whereof he writ to you, and which you communicated to me. The other thing is that the King's Confessor told us that the King of France did think in good earnest to recall Mr. de Ruvigny from the management of his affairs in England. But Father Sheldon does not like him that is to be sent in his roome, because he says he is not of those men here which are most fitt for our designs, altho he be very dextrous, and I am of his mind as well for that reason as for others which I know which I cant tell you as yet. Therefore if you'l tell the Duke if there be any man for the purpose here which he approves of, he needs but signifie it to Mr. Ruvigny and hee'l work so with the King's Confessor that it shall be effectually proposed to the King. This would be a great advantage to the designs of the Catholicks. I expect to hear from you. I saw my Lady Throckmorton yesterday, who came to Paris to ly in, and goes back to Pontoise within few days, she has gott a paine in her leg, which has continued since her lying in. My most humble service to Mrs. Coleman be known ike to nobody else because I dont think it necessary it should be known I write to you so often.

[*In another hand at the beginning*] "Duncombe."

[*An original letter.*]

DE PONTHIEU to ———.

1675, December $\frac{3}{13}$. Calais.—"It is impossible for mee to abstaine from writing to you any longer; I do not know how I stand with you, but I assure you that I ought to be extremely well thought of having never done anything in relation to you that could render mee unworthy of the friendship which you have allways had for me; and I dare even say that I have always done things so as to merite still more. For all this will you not take it ill if I speak freely to you, me thought I saw all your kindnesse towards me grow somewhat cold the very last moments of my stay in England; and I was fully resolved to clear this point before my departure, had it not been so precipitated. God did not permitt it, and our will must yield to his; yet remember that I am unsatisfied in the matter; and nothing is able to cure me, if you have not the goodnesse to show me some real marques of the same confidence

with which you were heretofore pleased to honour me; and which made mee passe soe many happy houres in your company. I carry your cyfers with me, and I tell you of it that this may serve you whether you intend to make use of me, or that you think it fitt to doe otherwise; However in what place soever God puts mee you shall always have a most obliged, most faithful, and most diligent servant. My leaving London without being justified troubles mee much, and would vex me infinitely more if I had not done on my part all that a man of honesty and honour could doe. Think of me as of the person in the world who is most, &c." MSS. of Sir W. Fitzherbert.

*Endorsed* "No. 2. Nothing."

### Edward Peters to Mr. Tunstall at Burton.

1677–8, February 23.—"I have but tyme to conveigh these following particulars to you; first I am to give you notice, that it hathe seemed fitting to our Master Consult' provincial to fix the 21st day of April next, styl. vet., for the meeting att London of our congregation on which day all those that have right off suffrage are to bee present there, that they be ready to give a beginning to the same on the 24th day which is the next day after St. George his day, you are warned to have jus suffragii, and therefore in case your occasions should not permitt you to be present you are to signify as much to the end others in their ranckes bee ordered to supply your absence; everyone is minded also not to [hast] into London long before the tyme appointed nor to appear much about the Towne till the meeting bee over, least occasion should bee given to suspect the dessigne. Finally secresy as to the tyme, and place is much recommended, to all those that receive summons, as it will appear of its own nature necessary. 3° pro Domino Solono debito Benefact. prov. Linensis.

I am so straitened for tyme that I can only assure you I shall bee truly glad of obliging you any ways.

Sn yor Servant E. D. P.

Postscript.—Pray my services where due."

[*A copy.*]

### "Some Notes of Evidence."

1678, October 29.— (fol. 101) "Coleman acknowledged that Lord A[rundel] of W[ardour] knew of Coleman's going over to the Interнuncio at Brussels. Lords' journal. [*Three lines of shorthand.*]

1678, November 8.—"Lord Arundel does not deny it." [*This entry is crossed out.*]

"Lived with Mr. Coleman as his footman for about a year and half before his imprisonment, in which time his Master did frequently visit my Lord Ar[undel] of Wa[rdour], sometimes once or twice in a day, and in the afternoon of the day before his apprehending his master was twice at my Lord's, and he was that afternoon allso with Mr. Wright. John Tewdor.

"The 8 following receipts and papers, among others, were found in my Lord Ar[undel] of Wa[rdour's] possession. Tis said Bradley seized them.

"Three several receipts given by J. Fenwick, dated 15 February, 1675, 12 January, 1676, and 23 January, 1677, for three several sums of £25 paid by his Lordship for three several years pensions for his grand child Hen: Arundell (or Spenser as he is sometimes called) presumed to be for his maintenance at St. Omer. Boatman and . . away can prove these hands tis thought.

"Another paper, which appears to be the same handwriting with the other three, that is Fenwick's, which states the first account [*Six lines of shorthand, struck out.*]

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saying Henry Spenser arrived at ~~Flamstoed~~ St. Omers July 26, 1673, and said he was there at £25 per annum.

Can prove.

"A receipt given July 23, 1678, by William Ireland for £10 paid by my Lord Ar[undel] for my Lord Tenham.

(*sic.*)

"A receipt given his Lordshipp November 20, 1675 by ~~William Ireland~~ James Corker for £30 being consideration [*one or two words torn off*] due to William Brent Esqr. to whose use and by whose appointment 'twas received.

(sic.)

[*A Shorthand Note.*]

"A like receipt given July 18, 1669 by Henry Latham for £30 due to Brent April 28 before.

"A like receipt given December 1, 1674 by the same for £30, due to him for 6 months allowance for £1000.

"Upon which writings these observations may be made

"1. It hereby manifestly appears that my Lord had such a grandson at St. Omer, which hugely confirms Mr. Otes' testimony.

"2. It shews his Lordshipp had correspondence with Ir: Fe: &c. (tho 'tis mentioned in the Lords journal that he denyed any such correspondence).

"3. In the paper which states the first account about H. Spenser, the word Flamsteed is plainly legible, though there be, as here, a line drawn through it; and then follows the word St. Omer. Now Otes sais Flamsteed was a word of cabal or cypher, to signify St. Omer, and it seems it ran so much in the Jesuits head that he had writt it before he recollected himself, and this too confirms Mr. Otes.

"4. As to the money paid to Mr. Brent's use I know not any observation to be made. I suppose upon the score of the phrase-divinity they would not call it interest or usury, though it was no other.

"5. I adde this observation that upon the 6 receipts dated February 15, January 12, July 23, November 20, July 18, and December 1, there are indorsements titleing or noting the contents of the several receipts, and those indorsements are writ in the same hand that the indorsement on the drawn-bill above mentioned is viz The Act of Parliament drawn by Mr. Attorney &c., supposed my Lord Arundell's owne [hand].

"Give in evidence the convictions in the Oxford circuit, and that of Redding.

### James Salgado to ———.

[*A document of ten pages in Latin purporting to be a letter from Salgado a Spaniard to his spiritual father with a report of a confession made to him as a priest, by one Netterville, a prisoner in the Marshalsea.*]

Netterville had received a message from the Lords in the Tower desiring him to find some man to swear that the Plot originated with the Duke of Buckingham and Lord Shaftesbury. He therefore bribed the man who stole the King's crown (Salgado does not remember the name) to swear to this effect for £500, and the man revealed the whole matter to the King's Secretary. (Homo taliter conductus totum negotium Regio Secretario revelavit). Upon this Oates and Bedlow were sent to see Netterville in the prison, and he then expected to be called before the Parliament. In which case he said he would say nothing but that he had heard this story from Father Kelly. While we were talking a woman, a friend of his came into his cell (cubiculum) and he spontaneously said this woman has come to me from the Lords in the Tower, because it might excite suspicion if they sent a man.

I then asked him if he would hold to this statement of his intercourse with the Lords, and he in a timid voice cried out Anglice 'O Lord,' I only speak of it to you as a priest.

Then he said that he had procured his freedom from Father Kelly by giving ten shillings security for him and five to the Justice's clerk. That Kelly had been ungrateful, and that his name in prison had been Samuel Mons, or Ormond. I do not remember which it was.

Then he said he was not ready for confession at that time but asked me to come to him again the next morning. He then confessed nothing but that Oates and Bedlow had asked him whence he got the money, and he had answered from Ireland. "Quod satis impertinans ad confessionem existimabam."

Then he said Oates was a villain. That he was always wanting money from the Superior when he was a Jesuit, and had taken up this course of obtaining money when it was refused him by the Superior.

Then he asked me, extra confessionem, when the Lords would be brought before Parliament and said he feared they were in great danger. I asked him how he lived. He answered coldly of his own means or by help of his friends.

This is all. It seems to me that he is supported by the Lords in the Tower. I do not think he is altogether innocent, but I leave him to God.

"In Vine Street at the sign of the Vine near Hatton Garden. Jacobus Salgado, Hispanus."

"PRESBYTER CONVERSUS."

The SAME to the SAME.

By your orders I visited Netterville again on May 3.

He repeated the former statement that he thought the Lords were in the greatest danger, especially because the Earl of Shaftesbury, their sworn enemy, was to be their judge.

He also said that he had obtained the freedom of a certain Russell and Kelly, and that the name of the man who stole the crown was Berry. I pointed out to him that he was not bound to keep faith with heretics, and pressed him to tell me what he had written to the Lords. He answered that he would willingly do so, and that I could safely correspond with Talbot his relative, who is now under arrest in Ireland. He told the woman of his dealings with me, and when I remonstrated he said she was most zealous in the Roman Catholic faith and could be trusted.

"I strongly advise that the jailers should be instructed to watch and apprehend this woman."

[*Copy.*] *Endorsed* "From Sir Thomas Meres."

"MR. JOHN FENWICK'S PAPERS, opened the 5th of October 1678.

1678, October 5 :—

1. A general Alphabet, or list of names and addresses.

2. Another folio for addressing of letters.

3. A general account of receipts and payments of money for the use of young men admitted to the seminaries &c. A thick folio.

4. Another thick folio of accounts of money received and paid in generall, in which Mr. Busby is very often mentioned, where among other particulars there is an entry in August last that £400 was left with R. Hinton, goldsmith, at 5 per cent. to be called in at 20 days notice.

5. Another thin folio, being a list of names and some small money mentioned, marked C.

Two bundles looked through, which contain letters from all parts generally relating to money for the supply of novices at St. Omer's &c.

MSS. OF SIR W. FITZHERBERT.

Also catalogues of their names, and the several forms and classes they learn in.

Also of their true names and false names, and several addresses to find out people up and down here in England.

Reliques with a little book.

Some letters of Mr. Ireland, laid by on purpose to compare his hand.

Some notes of Mr. Fenwick's laid by for the same end.

Also some notes of a letter signed by Titus Oates, laid by for the same end.

Lists for sixteen counties that show the false names, the true names, the country's condition, arrival, departure, some of debts due, some of payments, and the party taking care of each district.

Lists of sums due at St. Omers for the particular parties therein named.

Bills of exchange (the duplicates) from 1676 to 1678 for £6703 10*s.* 6*d.*

"A minute of several letters found in the papers of Mr. Fenwick, searched the 5th and 6th of October 1678.

1678, August 18.—Hen. Tas. to Mr. Fenwick.—Chides him for saying and unsaying the certain price of maintaining lads at St. Omers.

That hereafter he should himself come into the country and agree for them.

That if Mr. Ireland were then out of towne his letters ought to have been opened by Fenwick and answered.

A Bill of £106 sent to Mr. Ireland last month.

1678, August 20.—James Butler observes that Mr. Ireland was not in towne, but it does not appear where his letter was writ.

1678, July 31.—W. Dickfield *Smith* adviseth that they are busy among their countrymen in the hospitals, snatch some out of the enemy's claws at the last gasp.

April 24.—Father Penington tells . . . how zealous he is, and hopeful the work, if assisted.

1677–8, February 13.—A letter from Ignatius Pippard. Mem. under this name go letters to Peter Talbot.

1677, May 9.—From Alanson at St. Omer to Fenwick, that he should disperse some papers on the recess of the Parliament.

1668, July 25.—From Charles Stanner to Richard Bannister, how £1500 was given to them by one Roger Manners.

1667, June.—Extract of Mr. —— letter to Fenwick about £6000 given by the Lady Mordant to be laid out at Holywell. And another paper by Fenwick.

1677.—Copy of the Will of William Peters, son of Sir Francis Peters, Bart. Gives all his estate, real and personal, to Peirce Butler, Edward Coleman, and William Gawers. Revoking all other wills.

1678, May 22.—Mr. Thimbleby, alias Ashby, from St. Omer, talks of April's assignations, then he complains that Mr. Coleman fails to send his news letter which was expected so long, as his nephew was there on free cost.

1678, September 6.—Mr. Lewis tells Mr. Fenwick of a mission newly sent, one Henry Powell.

The lad now in custody.

1678, September 13.—From . . Clare at St. Omer to Richard Thimbleby, by which it appears this man was returned from the Bath.

An account of the rents of some marsh lands near Feversham.

1678, August 25.—From Stapleton, rector of St. Omer to Fenwick. Touching a mission to Sevill (which may be Crump now in Newgate). That Mr. White was hard at work, and making all haste over; Carey was preparing to go on to Rome.

That if from this hemisphere he could discover a storm threatening, though afar off, make what haste you can over that we may at least reap some fruits of our labours and expenses, by a good use of that which they have produced.

Nil mihi rescribas attamen ipse veni.

Mons is not relieved, which is a sign the Confederates fall short of their aim.

1678, September 29. Stapleton to Fenwick.—If you please to inform Mr. Blundell of —— you would oblige me. Be sure your next brings us good news of our master.

From Maryland.

1678, June [or January] 12.—Mr. Forster writes to Mr. Fenwick a large account of 24 reconciled &c. and then a full state of their temporal —— what land, what cattle, what tobacco, what debts, and where.

1678, April 19.—A letter from Samuel Terrill to Fenwick. He appears to have some office in the custom house.

1678, August 7.—A letter from Edward Preswick to John Groves about a "box of oyles," and some marked C.

Assigning Counsels' parts for the Lords trial.

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| Mr. Powle | To open the evidence. |
| Mr. Serjeant Maynard<br>Sir Fr. Winnington | To peruse the evidence. |
| Sacheverell<br>Trencher | Lord Arundell. |
| Col. Titus<br>Sir H. Capell | Lord Peters. |
| Vaughan<br>Seymour | Lord P. |
| Sir T. Stringer<br>Sir T. Player<br>Sir T. Meeres | Lord Bellasis. |
| Sir T. Lee<br>Mr. Treby | Lord Stafford. |
| Mr. Serjeant Maynard<br>Sir Fr. Winnington | To sum up the evidence. |

An Order in Council.

1679, October 15.—Upon the petition of Thomas Knox that he, being summoned before the Committee of the House of Lords upon information that he had scandalised Mr. Oates, may have certain of his papers which were delivered to the Secret Committee of the House of Commons, and are now in the hands of Mr. Treby, Chairman of the said Committee; it is ordered that the papers be deposited in the hands of the clerk of the Council who shall act upon their Lordships' directions.

The papers were delivered to the Committee on April 29, 1679, and consisted of four letters directed to Mr. Knox, subscribed, W. Osborne, John Lane, dated April 2, 4, 6, 20th.

An Information by Thomas Knox.

One of W. Osborne and J. Lane's relating to his Majesty.

1678. Dec. 24. *S. Dugdale.*
„ Dec. 29 „ „
1678-9. Jany. 8, 11, 17, 11-22, 23, 24, 31.
„ February 12, 21, 21, 24.
„ March 21, 24, 25, 26, 27.
„ April 14.
1679. March 26. *Bedloe.*

1678, December 24.—"The Information of Stephen Dugdale gentleman late servant to the Lord Aston of Tixall concerning the Plott against our Soveraigne Lord the Kinge as followeth.

1. That Informant saith that presently after one Howard, Almoner to the Queene, went beyond the seas hee was told by George Hopson, servant to the said Lord Aston, that there was a designe then intended for the reformation of the government to the Romish religion.

2. Hee informeth that in the beginning of September 1678 hee mett in Tixall nigh the Lord's gates the Lord Stafford, who said to this informant it was sadd that they were troubled for that they could not say their prayers but in a hidd manner; but suddenly there would be a reformacon to the Romish religion, and if there was but a good successe they should enjoy their religion. And upon the 20th day of Sept. last, the said Lord Stafford told the informant that there was a designe in hand, and if hee this informant would undertake the designe hee should have a good reward and make himselfe famous.

3. Upon the aforesaid day immediately after this informant went into the chamber of Mr. Francis Wrie, *alias* Evers, a Jesuite in Tixall, and asked him what the Lord Stafford meant by those words and after hee had made him to sweare secrecy upon his knees hee told him hee might be a person employed in the worke and make a good reward, that would make him famous, and hee then told him hee must be instrumentall in taking away the King's life, and that it should be done by shootinge or otherwise and that this informant need not to feare for the Pope had excommunicated the Kinge, and that all that were excommunicated by him were hereticks, and they might kill them and be cannonised for saints in soe doing.

4. This informant saith that the said Evers and Hopson both said that the designe was as well to kill the Duke of Monmouth as the King.

5. That George North (nephew to Pickering and servant to the Lord Aston) lately told this informant that they had taken his uncle (meaning Pickering) and putt him into Newgate and thought the King deserved such an execrable death as was intended him, because of his whoreing and debauchery.

6. That Mr. Evers said Mr. Bennifield had a packquett of letters delivered to him from the Post house which he fear'd the Lord Treasurer had notice of and therefore had delivered them to the Duke of Yorke and the Duke delivered them to the King and that the King gave them to the Treasurer after hee had read them, but that the King did not believe them, and therefore it was happye or else the plott had been discovered.

7. That he had received many packquetts of letters for Evers some of which this informant broake up and found them to be and tend to the establishing of the Romish religion.

8. That he had received severall sumes of money himselfe and knew of diverse others that were employed to putt forth money which was and is for the Jesuitts use."

[*Endorsed*] "Received at the Committee from the Earle of Essex and there read 24 January 1678–9."

1678, December 29.—"Mr. Stephen Dugdale further saith that since the 20th day of Sept. last the Lord Stafford did promise him £500 as to the carrying on the Plott &c. And that Mr. Evers should give him instructions about the same, and that the Lord Stafford told him he did not doubt of his fidelity, for Mr. Evers had given him a good character to be trusty, and the Lord Stafford further told him that there was a designe to take away the life of the King and the life of the Duke of Monmouth, and that severall other persons were to be imployed in the designe besides this informant. And that this had been throughly considered of, to bee the fittest way for the establishing the Romish religion. And at the same time the Lord Stafford laid his hand upon his head and prayed God to keep him in his right mind and to be faithfull to what he was intrusted in, and forthwith the said Lord went out of the hall in Tixall into the parlour, and further saith that shortly after Mr. Evers imposed the same matters on him this informant and he doubting of the Lord Stafford's payment Mr. Evers promised him the makeing good my Lord Stafford's promise, and told him that Mr. Harcott and Mr. Ireland, Jesuitts, should pay him, who had sufficient in their hands to defray it and other charges whatsoever. And further that Mr. Evers told him this informant that severall gentlemen in the county had moneys in their hands for the carrying on the worke, but were shie to it here but had entred into covenant for it at St. Omers and that hee received a letter from Mr. Warner a Jesuite which did confirme the same and that the said money should be speedily returned into the hands of Mr. Harcott the Jesuitt. And further saith he saw a letter directed to Mr. Evers which he broke upp and read and knowed it to be the Lord Stafford's writing and that therein was written that things went on well beyond seas for the carrying on the designe and soe he hoped it did soe here in England.

And further Mr. Evers told this informant that there were severall Indulgencies for the pardoning those that were concerned in the designe, and these he believes came from Mr. Ireland."

[*Copy. Endorsed,*] "Delivered to the Committee by the Earl of Essex and their read January 4, 1678–9."

1678–9, January 8.—"Mr. Stephen Dugdale aged about 40 years being sworne saith that having been soe lately on his journey he wants a little time and rest to put in writinge the things he hath to informe concerninge the plott, but that he had already written one particular concerninge the Lords Stafford which he presented and thereupon his first deposicon of the 24th December and his seconde deposicon of the 29th followinge was both read and he did in virtue of his oath acknowledge that all the substance thereof was true. Then the paper which he delivered in concerning the Lord Stafford was alsoe read. Hee further saith that he was bred up a Protestant till he was about 20 years old and then beinge persuaded by one Knight a priest to turne Papist he hath ever since remained in that religion. Onely that upon New Yeares day last he once went to the Protestant church, that when the said Knight dyed he delivered him up to the tuition of Evers a Jesuite that lived with the Lord Aston for about 15 years and that by the meanes of the said Evers who had sworne him to secrecy and given him the sacrament for severall times he was brought into great trust amongst the Jesuits and usually called by them honest Stephen and was often in their secret counsells at Boscobell and at Tixall, sometimes in the chamber

of Mr. Evers and sometimes in his owne chamber there. And he believes there are some here in towne that can testify how much he was intrusted by them.

That he hath no malice or quarrell to any person and that he was a true loyall subject to his Majestie as any could be till within two yeares last past that he was persuaded by the Jesuit to evill designes against his Majestie, which designes had been on foote for about these six yeares but at last beinge prevailed upon he had willingly engaged and undertaken in the designe of killing the Kinge and was to have come up by order of the Lord Stafford in the beginning of October last upon the promise already mentioned in other papers; unto which he further adds that Mr. Evers told him and he thinkes the Lord Stafford did soe too that if he effected the matter he should have his pardon and be alsoe canonized for soe doinge. That Mr. Evers and Mr. Ireland told him he should be here in London provided for by him the said Ireland and Mr. Harcoat and be sometimes with Mr. Parsons at Standon who knowes all the matter, and sometimes here in London, and that here being come up, he should know more of his company and receive his instructions how to proceed. He saith that Ireland had been with him this summer at Tixall and thereabouts and went so far as Holywell being in all about a month or six weekes in the country, and that he came up before them about the middle of September last and the reason why the examinent followed not in the beginning of October as was intended was because newes came of the discovery of the plot made by Mr. Oates. He further saith that in sometime after the said discovery, when orders and proclamations began to come forth, his feares increased soe much that he complained to Mr. Evers concerninge the danger he might be in and did fear that his name might be put into some of the proclamations. Whereupon Mr. Evers persuaded him first to make his escape into Ireland, he having then mony of his owne and of the Lord Aston's to supply him, but hearing that the ports were shut he did not take that course but being by Mr. Evers advised to run away and hide him where best he could he did the night before he went take severall letters and papers which he stuft in his breeches and going to the house of one Eld that hidd at Tixall he did burne them there in the house of his two daughters Ann and Eliza Eld, this latter being a fellow servant with him at the Lord Aston's, but they knew nothing of their contents but have reported as he heard since the burning of those papers telling one Perrey the gaoler's wife and others thereof. These papers would he said have revealed much of the business but the next day which was about the 19th of November last he fled, Mr. Evers first telling him that he would excuse it to my Lord and give out, which he himselfe alsoe did, that he was gone to see for money to pay what he had lost to Sir John Crew and others, that hee owed mony unto, being for the most part what he had lost upon wagers of a foote race on the 21st of October; and Evers further said that he would alsoe give out that the examinent was gone about some particular business which he had imployed him in that being gone he went among other places to the house of one John Bond whose neice was his friend and who had five yeares before persuaded him to be a Protestant. That he was in a great fright and did to her begin to impart some little thing of the plot, but she appearinge much startled thereat he presently denied all againe. This place was about 12 miles from Tixall and here he went and hid in a hay mow from about a houre before day till some part of the night followinge having something brought to him by Robert the servant to eat; that here he sent for two friends to come to him but before they came while he lay in the hay

mow John Bond went forth to enquire what he would hear concerninge him, and not hearinge of much harme he let him come in and lodge the rest of the night in his house where he was private in a chamber all the day following. Then when his two friends came to him they conveyed him to the widow Walker by a common side near Newton and there he continued close from Friday to Monday being now nearer home than before and as then he was drawing towards Tixall in the night he was about the 3rd December last taken by the watch that were abroad and carried before a Justice of the Peace, and from thence to Stafford where they who were his creditors hearing of the trouble he was in and that if he got free, which he was like to doe, they would hardly get their mony or see him againe (so much was he noted to be intimate with the Jesuits who were now spoke of about the plott) that he had actions laid upon him by all to whome he owed but a groate. That while he did absent himselfe and before he was taken he did endeavour to get out of the hands of Richard Gerard Esqre. a certain deed by which he had made over to the value of £500 of his estate to the Jesuits in case he dyed without children, they having promised him to say severall masses for the good of his soule. That his lands were worth about £700 in all and his debts not halfe soe much, besides he had severall debts owing to him, but having found difficulty to get this deed backe into his hands, he did in meeting Arthur Fox, a servant to the Lord Aston, desire him to go to his Lord to begge his assistance about the recovery of his deed, for he understood that his Lordship had noe minde to see him considering the great rumour about the plott. That he did rather desire when he was taken to draw homewards because he heard his name was not in any of the proclamations and soe he thought himselfe safe. That though he had been longe troubled in minde yet he had noe intention to discover any thinge, untill at last observing by the proclamation which gave pardon to those that discovered before the 25th December, and alsoe a reward the time was almost out, he thought it high time to discover, which he did to Justice Lanse and Justice Vernon, but did it not untill the 24th December, and then did it not for any profit that was mentioned; that besides his examination that having being taken in the country he did informe Mr. Lane of some letters which he thinkes may yet be found in a place where they were by him layd at Tixall house and not burnt by him when the rest of the papers were, and believes they are such as will give some light to this business, and that Mr. Lane did imploy Mr. William Touthall of Pancarth according to his directions to finde the said papers out. He further saith that he hath seen and had severall treasonable letters from Ireland, Harcoat, and Grote, relating to this business, and seen other letters from St. Omers and particularly from one Warner, and hath particularly seen letters from one at Paris whose name he could not recollect. That he did not know Otes or Bedlow though he had been at the house of Bedlow's mother who lives at a common near Bristoll, but that he hath often heard both their names in letters as persons imployed, and particularly that Bedlow was employed upon severall messages about letters by William Harcoat the Jesuit; he further saith that Mr. Evers did formerly acquaint him that there was here in London the last summer was 12 months a great meeting of the Jesuits in relation to this designe and that upon recollection he remembers well the Jesuits had a meetinge here in London the last springe for that Mr. Evers and other Jesuits of Staffordshire went up unto it about Aprile. That he knowes Pickering having lived in the towne where Pickering was borne, and knowes alsoe his nephew George North that lived with the Lord Aston, but knowes not that Pickering was employed to kill the Kinge. He saith

MSS. of Sir W. Fitzherbert.

that Mr. Evers told him how that Mr. Fowler of St. Thomas was either excommunicate or to be excommunicated for not consenting to this designe being one that was sollicited thereunto. That Mr. Heveringham did consent as Mr. Evers told him to give money thereunto somewhat more that his name might not be put in writing as one who was listed in the designe. Alsoe that one Howard Esqre., son of Sir Robert Howard of Wales, would be instrumentall in giving of mony. Alsoe that one Broadstreet a Priest had actually contributed his mony thereunto and was to be an actor in the conspiracy. That Mr. Evers did press him earnestly at the time he went to escape to be secret and keep councell of all and that he should if he were ever brought to examination deny his knowledge in every particular, which he then and when he burnt his papers was resolved to doe. He saith that he was told that Mr. Evers had made his escape out of a window a little from Boscobell on or about Christmas last, he saying that when the Lord Stafford offered him the £500 it was in a roome at Tixall in the Lord Aston's house in the roome where his Lordship lay. That he is not certain whether the Lord Aston be engaged therein, onely he once attending at the doore (to say somewhat to the Lord Stafford about a footmatch, which was a sport his Lordship loved) while the Lord Stafford and the Lord Aston walked together in a longe parlour and the Lord Stafford havinge spoken he heard the Lord Aston reply that there would be much difficulty in the trusting of persons in the thinge; to which the Lord Stafford answered that the Lord Aroundell of Wardour might be trusted and that he was a man with whome he would trust his life. But the examinant doth thinke that the Lord Aston did not consent to the designe, that the greatest debt for which he was clapt up in Stafford is 100 guineas, which he lost to Sir John Crew at the said foote race, and that the other debts are smaller sums which he hath a great deale more than will satisfie having lands and debts due to him, and he presumes that he can here in towne procure baile for all that he owes."

[*Copy. Endorsed.*] "Stephen Dugdale's examination about the Lord Stafford."

### Deposition of Stephen Dugdale.

1678-9, January 11.—"Besides what I have formerly given in of Mr. Evers, I have this more.

That hee at severall tymes, told me that the Pope out of his revenue had graunted summes of money towards the putting the Irish into a condition of opposing the now established government for it was his gracious pleasure to consider what a tyranicall government they lived under; and I opened a letter to the same purpose which came from Paris, which was directed to Mr. Evers but the person's name I have forgotten, but it was that he had lately received a letter from Rome to confirme that the Pope did still hold his good purpose for the speedy releiving the poore Irish, and that they were considering how to procure them men as well as money, but about that and other things, there would shortly be an expresse from thence to England which would be about the latter end of March and the said Mr. Evers' company was required in London together with Mr. Cottons, Mr. Gavens, Mr. Peters, and Vavasors.

This letter above said was dated to my best knowledge the latter end of February 1677-8, and accordingly Mr. Evers did come to London and Mr. Peters, but whether the other two were there I know not, but I think they were, and when Mr. Evers came home he told me Mr.

Ireland and Mr. Simmons would be in the country the latter end of June for considering the best way and means for the carrying on this great worke as it was soe called.

I doe acknowledge I have severall tymes been with Mr. Evers, Mr. Vasasor, Mr. Peters, Mr. Levison and sometimes Mr. Ireland, at Tixhall and at Boscobell upon adviseing with them which way might be the fittest way for the reformation, and it was alwayes supposed that to endeavour to disturbe the peace in Ireland and Scotland which would be a means to weaken England soe much that their attempt might the easier be managed, which could not be done without good assistance from beyond seas, which as Mr. Gaven said we need not feare, for although they had great troubles of them both in Flanders and France and those countryes there would not be men and money wanting to carry on the designe for the glory of Almighty God which wee need not feare but he had a great blessing in store for us, and with his assistance it will, if we have but patience to waite for his mercyes, bee accomplished. And then our endeavours must be for doeing our parts here which is not only to kill the King and the Duke of Monmouth but as much as we could to lessen the power of the rest. Mr. Peters answered are you sure the gentlemen all be true to us in assisting with money for if that should faile our owne stock would quickly faile. With that I told them I would give an hundred pounds more then that I had made over to Mr. Gerrard which was taken very thankfully with promises that I need not feare to have a free pardon procured for my sinns past and be placed a saint in heaven for all eternity insomuch that I had been instrumentale in soe good and pious a worke. Mr. Vavasor said that those moneys which were neer upp in tyme should be called in. Mr. Jackson being the person chosen out for that purpose and Mr. Evers for the rest near him. And Mr. Evers was appointed to goe to Mr. Draycott, Sir James Simmons, Mr. Hevenhingham, Mr. Peters, was to have received of Gerrard but because he was the priest of the house he desired Mr. Evers he might doe it, who said he would. Mr. Gaven undertook for severall private gentlemen about Woolverhampton some of them asked who must speake to Mr. Howard it was said Mr. Broadstreete. Mr. Evers said he would doe it himselfe, but for Mr. Herbert Aston he was in debt, and therefore he must not be looked on as the rest, but Mr. Vavasor said it was for a good charitable use, God would blesse his increase, and as the money came in it was to be returned into the hands of Mr. Harcott and Mr. Ireland, and hereafter order would be given how it must be disposed of and if any doubt did arise they should repay to Mr. Bennifeild and he would give satisfaction. And at another tyme Mr. Ireland told mee when I came to London he would give me instructions and give me order how I should proceed, to all which I did seem to be very well content, and did protest I would be faithfull while I had life. Mr. Ireland told me that when he came to London he would speake to Grobes that I might have notice how things went on, for as yett he could not tell while he had spoke with my Lord Bellasis and my Lord Arundell of Wardour who proved the loyalest men of trust and counsell of any persons in this world; but before I had my letter from Mr. Ireland he was taken to Newgate. I saw a letter from Mr. Harcott who told Mr. Evers that he had lately received a letter from Mr. Warner I think his name was, wherein was that Mr. Warner had used all diligent care that could bee for helping forward the worke in hand. And there was four hundred pounds in mony in Mr. Ireland's hands which came into his hands lately for teaching the young gentlemen, who wisht that they might putt it into Shirley's hands with the rest till we should have need of it. And that I heard Mr. Peters tell Mr. Evers that

hee was very gladd that it fell out soe well that Mr. Whitebread was come in Superior of the Jesuits for he would be very carefull in carrying the businesse on; and that he was a close man in all his businesse, to which I made answer that I was very glad to hear it fell out soe well too. And at that tyme both Mr. Evers and Mr. Peters said, that my Lord Arundell of Wardour was the only man we had to trust too for he was a very wise man and much in favour with the Duke of Yorke; and not long after I had three letters inclosed in a letter of mine, from Mr. Bennifeild one and one from Paris and one from Mr. Harecott; that from Mr. Bennifeild was to lett Mr. Evers know that he had spoke with my Lord Arundell of Wardour and my Lord was very willing to assist in what was requested by Mr. Evers and Mr. Vavasor, but these letters never came to his hands besides a great many more which I intercepted and burned. And not long after I was in discourse with Mr. Evers in his chambers, and was askeing him wether some others of note did not countenance the worke besides what he had spoke of, and he told me yes, but they were in other places where the businesse went on as well as here. Mr. Evers told mee at this tyme, that he had writt to Mr. Bennifeild, and to request my Lord Arundell of Wardour to be assisting in the matter which now is in hands. And I asked him what whether he was to doe anything of it or noe; and he told me he was to undertake the most part of the designe and with my Lord Bellasis to give order, both as to that of takeing the King's life away and the Duke of Monmouth's, and for establishing the Romish government. And about the middle of September last, a letter came to my hands of Mr. Evers, for his letters were directed to mee, which I opened and the words were to this purpose, that he had been with my Lord Arundell, and my Lord Arundell had told him that he had spoke to the person that he was requested to speake to, and it was both their opinions that it was the best way to make as much speed in their designes as might bee, the person's names which sent the letters I know not, for their was but two letters for his name which was J. W. And at first when this businesse began, it was not for takeing the life of the Kinge away, but to provide themselves with money and armes against the King died, for it was thought the Duke of Monmouth would stand for it, and their hopes would be frustrated for ever haveing the Romish religion established. But they seeing it was the endeavour of the King to establish the Protestant religion soe firme as it should not be moved for the future, it was by degrees thought that this way that is now discovered was the fittest way. I chanced to come into Mr. Evers chambers and hee being gone to masse I found a letter on his table whose subscription was Bazill FitsHerbert, which was directed to Mr. Evers, wherein was written that he gave Mr. Evers many thanks for his great care and diligence in the great worke, which was soemuch for the setting forth the glory of Almighty God, and further told him that hee had spoke with his brother Gifford of Chillington, who promised together with himselfe to venture both lives and estates in that good cause, and that Mr. Evers would be sure to sweare all those within his precincts to secrecy whom he did intrust, that they should not so much as tell one another till just the tyme, and that very speedily he would goe to St. Omers and see what forwardnesse things were in there, and if he had gone on prosperously he should have speedy notice for putting the rest of the things in order there, and that he would be pleased to speake with Mr. Broadstreete or send Mr. Dugdale with a letter to him that he would meete him in London, as I think it was in July last, and that I myselfe was to have an equall share with Captaine Adderley, who

was a man intrusted to keepe things in order after the most of the businesse should be over, but what parte it should be could not be known till after this was over, for it must be cheefeley determined by my Lord Arundell and some other persons, but it should be such a share as should make me happy and my posterity after mee. All which I excepted of with abundance of thankfullnesse. When this was promised there was in company Mr. Evers, Mr. Gaven, Mr. Peters, and Mr. Levison, which all promised to see it fullfilled."

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Further Depositions by Mr. Dugdale.

1678–9, January 17.—"1. That in summer at a race which was to be run at Iching hill I mett with one Mr. Humphrey Elliotts, I think his name is, I am sure his name is Elliotts, and meeting at Rudgely at the house of one Mr. John Polletts which keepes a publiqe house, he and I after some discourse of the race did fall into discourse of Mr. Ireland, told me there had been some discourse of mee when his cousin Ireland was at Wolverhampton, and I pressed of him that I might know what it was and he told me it was not unknown to mee for his cousin Ireland said you was to goe very speedily to London upon an occasion hat would cause him upp very speedily, but before he the said Elliott went he had some businesse to doe in the country, which he himselfe could not well do without Mr. Perrey the lawyer, but I was something startled to heare he should know any of it, and denyed I knew anything of it, and upon that he comended me for my care, and further told me I need not feare him, for if I suffered he was like to suffer as well as I.

2. Hee further told me that his cousin Ireland should have been at London a great while since but for waiting to see the foot race over, for there was some gentlemen which he was to speake would be there, but before that foot match was over he came from Wolverhampton to Tixall and told me he could not stay the race, for he had received 3 letters which chidd him that he had made so long a stay, who the letters came from he did not tell mee, but only his sister for one and she he told me was very angry, but told me that my Lord Stafford would stay and that he would leave his mind with him, and to take care for my coming upp, and begged of me whatsoever I did not to impart my mind to any person except my Lord Stafford or Mr. Evers or whom they should appoint me to speake to of it, and I should see in a short tyme the darke clouds would be over, and the cleare light would appeare, and bid me not to be afraid for my Lord Stafford, and Mr. Evers would take care of me till he saw me into towne.

3. Besides for the carrying on the worke in other countryes there was for a parte of Worster there appointed one Mr. Turner, and three more whose names I have forgott, and for a parte of Derbyshire and a parte of Nottinghamshire was appointed one other Mr. Turner, Mr. Bennett, and Mr. Poole of Spinkhill, which was to take care of their liberties as well for engaging persons as for raising money of the gentlemen, and to give accompt to their Provincials which was appointed already for that purpose. Mr. Evers and Mr. Peters told me this but beside that Mr. Poole told me himselfe of it at Sutton in Scarsdale, but he told me then that he did believe that Mr. Turner was not a fitt man to be imployed in that worke for although he was a priest he was very much given to drink, and when drink is in the head the witt is out as he said, so it was thought more fitt in his stead to take in Mr. Ayreps priest of Hassop, and wished I would acquaint Mr. Evers with it, presently Mr. Evers went over thither but what he did conclude I know not, for I did not aske.

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Further there was oft mentioned one Mr. Richard Needham, a Dr. of Physick, which lives at West Hallum, 4 miles from Derby, who was to receive orders from Mr. Poole and Mr. Bennett, and be at their command, and his sonne, and once I was sent to Mr. Needham with a letter, the contents of which was to desire he would be at West Hallum on a day which I have forgott, and that both Mr. Powderhill might be acquainted likewise and the priest which was there. I saw him then and have severall tymes heard his name, but at present have forgott it, and when I came there Mr. Needham and I discoursed very freely of it, and he as well as my selfe was very forward for the promoting the work on, and further told me, that he had been out about that businesse since he rested above 200 miles, for although his sonne was a good Christian enough, yet that was not a thing to be trusted to every one, and at that time I told him he might assuredly expect a good reward, and he told me, he did not know, he putt it to the gentlemen whether they would give anything or nothing, he thought his paines well bestowed in soe good a work, that it should fall out in his dayes, that it might be spoke of in after ages, that honest Dick Needham was a promoter and one intrusted for the establishing of the Romish religion, and the subvervision of the heretical government, to which I answered with a plausible assent, and I further added that I did believe Mr. Evers to be a saint upon earth he answered me he did believe he was a very good man and one that made it his businesse for promotion of God's holy church.

4. That I have severall times been told by Mr. Evers and Mr. Gavon about providing armes, but never heard that any was provided in England, nor any gentlemen that had any in keeping, but severall tymes that there was provision made beyond seas and that Mr. Evers and Mr. Cotten went beyond sea for that purpose, and that Mr. Evers told me severall tymes what good provision was made, and I intercepted severall letters that came to Mr. Evers from St. Omers and Paris, that they were in good forwardness and that they had disbursed sometymes £500, and some accompts, and the particulars named was £700, in some of which letters was pressed to Mr. Evers about returne of moneys, for the discharging those accounts, upon which I have seene letters of Groves, and letters to Mr. Ireland, Mr. Bennifield, and Harecott, for the sending moneys over to those persons, and further that the said Mr. Ireland and Vavasor differed in accompts about the same last time Ireland was in the country, and the said Mr. Evers sided with Mr. Ireland about those accompts, so that Mr. Ireland received the full summe of his accompts, and about July last a packquett came directed to me from Mr. Evers which came to 2*s.* 6*d.* which I opened, and they were accompts how that all things was ready which was bespoke, and all payd off, and there wanted nothing but orders how they must be disposed of, but how it was ordered I never knew, and that when I have been in businesse with them, it hath oft been given out that the King of France did know of this and would be aiding and assisting in this designe, which I was ever against, for I told them I was afraid he would rather worke for his own advantage then any good for us, and they would have told me that we need not feare we was able of ourselves with good care to putt those fears out of doors, and answer was made, there was in England above 200 thousand men which would prove true if occasion were with some supplyes which we were sure of from other parts."

[*Copy. Endorsed.*]—"Given in to the Lords of the Committee and then read before him, and they were also read before his Majesty in Council in the afternoon."

1678-9, January 11—22.—"He sayth that upon notice of the murder of Sir Edmondbury Godfrey he much blamed to Mr. Evers the indiscretion of that businesse, as a thing that might help to discover their designe, but Mr. Evers told him it could not doe much hurt, for he being a man much given to punish debauchery, it would easily be thought that some of them had done it.

1678[9], January 13.—"Mr. Dugdale being called in they knew each other, and when Mr. Dugdale put Parsons in mind that he and Mr. Fox had taken their leaves of him att the stable door at Tixhall, he sayd it was very true though he had forgott before, but would have acknowledged it if it had come into his mind. Parsons being withdrawne says he knew not whether he be a Jesuite, but that he is a priest for att Tixhall he heard him say masse and was att Tixhall according to the tyme he himselfe declares. Dugdale adds that when Ireland came to Tixall in August he told him of his haveing been att Standon, and spoke of his acquaintance with Mr. Parsons, and how the examinant att his coming up should sometimes be with Parsons at Standon, and to take instructions from him while there, and sometymes Mr. Harcoat and Ireland here in towne, and then to take his instruction from these about his designe of killing the knight; is ordered that Parsons be sent to the Gatehouse as by the following warrant :—"

1678[9], January 20.—"Dugdale is sent for and examined. He speakes particularly of the hideing certain letters in a wallett with money. He knowes that Mr. Forster was acquainted with Ireland, and that one Father Arthur an Irish priest being sent for over by Benningfeild and Harcoate came downe to Tixall and had been att Mr. Fowler's. And this Arthur spoke much of the French King. He alsoe remembered that one Rider a joyner came to Tixall, and commending of the murder of Sir Edmondsbury Godfrey sayd that he and one Tunks a shoemaker in the Strand should have been concerned, and that one Conniers was concerned in it. He alsoe spake of a letter writt, as he thinks, by one Roper in the Tower which came to Sir James Symonds in Staffordshire that gave them much content."

1678-[9], January 20.

Notice being given to his Majestie that the Lord Aston did attend according to his summons Dugdale was first called for, who gave an accompt of a clossett where he hid the wallett in which was money and some dangerous papers, whereupon there is read to his Majesty the accompt sent by Mr. Lane and Mr. Vernon to the Duke of Monmouth how that the clossett was rifeld, the wallett, papers, bookes, and all things there taken away. And upon reading alsoe the examination sent up of the two maids what they sayd gave extraordinary credit to Dugdale's evidence, not only affirming all he sayd, but somewhat more touching two books of accounts which Dugdale then sayd had noe reason in them, and should not be burnt as the letters were, and they agreed just in the tyme with Dugdale viz. the 19th of November. Upon this his Majesty gives order for a new inquiry to be made about the rifling this clossett, and Dugdale being asked by his Majesty what he was to doe, and by whom councelled in this designe he answered directly that he was to be instrumentall to kill the King and was councelled and animated therein by Mr. Ireland, Mr. Evers, and the Lord Stafford.

"He made mention of somebody in whose bookes here in towne it would appear that he was a man trusted by the Jesuits, of which and

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what he sayd about Mr. Whitby of Great Hoywood and John Taylour, he is to put it downe in writing and he was interrogated in severall points which he had spoken to before. And that part was read againe in his examination of the 8th instant about discourse in the Long Parlour att Tixall between the Lord Stafford and the Lord Aston about the difficulty of trusting persons and the good opinion the Lord Stafford had of the Lord Arundell. After which he withdraws and the Lord Aston is called in and upon his examination which shall hereafter follow, he is sent to the Tower."

1678–9, January 22.

"Mr. Dugdale is called in and a paper by him this day presented is read, and he further says that he carryed a letter from Evers to Sir James Symonds desiring him to pay the money he had promised, Mr. Evers being then called upon by Ireland, Harcot, and Beningfeild for the collections to be carryed abroad by Sir John Warner for the purchaseing of armes.

That Mr. Evers was to receive somebody and the rest to goe by returne, that Sir James is younger brother to Symonds an active Jesuit. That Carrington and Tarbox were two messengers employed in carrying of letters. That Francis Titter is priest to Mr. Fowler and cannot be ignorant of this plott. Mr. Dugdale is ordered to give an account in writing about a great meeting at Boscobell in August last.

He says that Arthur the Irish priest dined with the Lord Stafford at Tixall, and that Arthur told him and Evers of Whisle Bourn and severall others engaged in the businesse of Ireland, about which the Lords appoint Sir Robert Southwell to take a particular accompt and to send it to the Duke of Ormond in Ireland."

### Information of S. Dugdale.

1678–9, January 23.—"About August or the beginning of September last there there was a greate meeteing of the Jesuites and Secular Priests at Boscobell, besides other private gentlemen that was to be there, and I myselfe promised to be there alsoe. At that meeting there was accounts to be sett right betwixt Mr. Ireland and Mr. Vavasor about money which he had laid downe for carrying on this greate worke, and other things which was betwixt them, but the chiefe cause of our meeting was to consult and consider wayes and meaines for the carrying on the worke which both Mr. Peter and Mr. Vavasor tould me, and against this meeting promised a fat buck, but was deceived and soe was forced to send to Mr. Chetwind of Angestry to borrow a peece in Mr. Francis Aston's name and there was none but halfe a haunch, and it was just laid to the fire, but Mr. Chetwinde caused it to be taken up and sent it, and that venison was eaten at that meeting and I haveing promised to be there had much ado to keepe myselfe from goeing, but I told them that I had appointed busines amongst the tennants, and could not goe if they would give me 1000*l.* and soe I came off, but they were very angry.

There was another contrivance which I was guilty on myselfe as much as any, but it was with their advice, that packet to Bennefeild was one thing to keep the King from beleeving anything, that there was any plott but a forgery, which was very much rejoyced at when wee saw what effect it wrought with the King, for presently upon it the King as I thinke went to Newmarket and said wee if the King beleeved anything of it he would not have gon.

Another thing that as I said before I was guilty of to write letters and seale them which contents was for fireing of townes and meeting at

certaine places, which might be a meanes to keepe the people from beleeving anything of a plott, for we thought the wiser sort would thinke if there was anything of a plott those men which were the inventors would not have lost soe many letters of such concerne, which did partly keepe the people from beleeving as it was intended, but this was after Mr. Otes confession.

And that Mr. Evers did sometimes ask the gentlemen till he was imployed in this worke of the plott, and then Mr. Towers taught them for Mr. Evers had worke enough besides.

This is the truth

Stephen Dugdale."

[*Some shorthand in the margin.*]

Evidence given in by Stephen Dugdale against Sir James Simons &c.

1678–9, January 24.—"I have seen in a list amongst Mr. Evers' papers of gentlemen's names which did pay towards this wished designe, amongst which was Sir James Symons £1000, Mr. Hovenhingam £2000, Mr. Dracot £3000, Mr. Gerard £500, Mr. Howard £2000, of all which sumes was received in part and returned towards the discharging the accounts of armes which were provided beyond the seas. And every of the aforesaid gentlemen was to have a share and offices appointed. But in all our meetings it was never agreed what their parts should bee, and the notedst gentleman of all these was ever Sir James Simons, being as they said a very active person and one that would be found a well qualifyed person, but as far as I ever understood their places was to bee appointed here in London by some of those great ones whom I have formerly mentioned. But there are several persons' names besides those I have named in that same list. And there are other persons which entered their names beyond seas, for this note was but only for Mr. Evers' private use. And to that end Mr. Evers and Mr. Coten were sent to St. Omers about 2 or 3 years agoe, for the sake of other persons which were very fearfull. And some others paid their money to Mr. Bennifield, Mr. Ireland, and Mr. Harcott, and Mr. Evers hath been appointed to receive acquittances for them which acquittances I have seen come in Mr. Evers' letters. One to Sir James Simons at one time was for £300 which was noted in the acquittance for a charitable use, but it was for the carrying on this wicked designe, or Mr. Evers told me not true. Most of the persons about Woolverhampton Mr. Gaven took care to receive of and discharge them. I asked Mr. Peters how the rest must bee had, for these gentlemen when they were altogether would bee but a few; he answered mee, I need not fear, there was care taken for that, and such care that at one hour's warning they would bee ready, but as he said they had formerly been told that none except the gentlemen were soe much as to tell one another till the very time, of which I never inquired after that time, but I perceived that a great number was knowing by their fear, when I was taken, and several desiring mee, when I was at Stafford privately that if I knew anything of them not to mention their names which I faithfully promised I would not. And I must ever bee of this mind, that never anything could be better managed than this was by the priests, and soe it would have bin found if Mr. Otes had not declared it, which God forbid but he had. For I am sure but thinking of the sad effects hath almost made me distracted. As alsoe to hear their wicked designes and doctrines dayley. And to prevent melancholy I did several times either run myselfe into company

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to drink or some manner of lewd idle discourse, of which there are many to witness, and that I never was addicted to it before this wofull engagement in this most horrid and wicked designe. And from ever having or consenting to such again, God of his mercy protect mee, as I hope he will, and all Christians from the very name of it."

[*Copy.*]

1678–9, January 31.—"The Information of Stephen Dugdale late of Tixall in the County of Stafford taken upon oath before the Right Honble. the Lords of the Committee of Examinations this 31st day of January 1678–9.

"The Informant saith that about Michelmas last an Irish priest whose name was Arthur came to the house of the Lord Aston at Tixall and dined there. That after dinner Mr. Evers, the Jesuit of the house, Mr. Arthur and himselfe went into Mr. Evers' chamber where Mr. Arthur declared that by command which hee had from Mr. Bennifeild and Mr. Harcote, hee came from Ireland to London, and he said hee found things in a pretty good condition but not soe well as hee could have wished; his reason this informant heard not, because hee was then gone down for a bottle of wine, but when he came up again Mr. Arthur being in discourse with Mr. Evers did make a sudden stop, but Mr. Evers told him hee need not fear for Stephen was a very honest man, and after a while Mr. Evers told him this informant that the gentleman was one intrusted for carrying on the business in Ireland, as well as wee did it here in England. To which hee the said Arthur answered that hee hoped it would appear in a short time which of the two nations would be found the best Christians, meaning Ireland would bee found truest in that designe, for the English would be false. But hee farther said they in Ireland had a good assurance from France of a reasonable supply both of men and money, which hee said hee hoped Almighty God would assist them with all in regard they lived like poor slaves under a merciless government. That in discourse concerning the good hopes of success in Ireland the said Arthur mentioned at least twenty names of Priests and Jesuits that were active and imployed in the carrying on of the business, among which the informant remembers one Mr. White because hee had been two or three times at Tixal some years agoe, and when the informant asked if it were the same Mr. White they spoke of that had been there both Evers and Arthur told him it was, and the informant being asked what other names hee doth remember of those that were mentioned, hee saith that to the best of his remembrance, French and Byrne were two. And that this Arthur was toward fifty years of age, indifferent tall and slender, of a long visage, and brown complexion."

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1678–9, February 12.—"The Information of Stephen Dugdale late of Tixhall in the County of Stafford taken upon oath before the Lords of the Committee of Examinations the 12th day of February 1678–9.

"The Informant saith that about the month of July or August 1677, soon after he was by Mr. Evers admitted into the secret of the designe for the Romish government, there came to Tixall one Carrington, whom the Jesuits thereabouts employed as a messenger of trust in their businesse; he brought a letter to Mr. Evers from Mr. Vavasor who was then at Woolverhampton or Boscobell. And meeting the informant in the hall desired him to give it to Mr. Evers. The letter from Mr. Vavasor did inclose in it severall others, as one from John Grove in London who in a part of the sheet of pay writ some news in short but . . . . his signeing Mr. William Harcot began a long accompt how

he lately had received the two inclosed letters one of them from St. Omers which was signed by Monfort, Warner, and Peters, as the informant thinkes, and four whose names he remembers not all, and this letter did referre to another letter from Paris to the three parties first named. And the same was signed from Paris by two names whereof he thinkes Clifford was one, but he cannot swear that this letter did contain the opinion and advice of those att Paris upon a letter which it seemes had been first writ from England to St. Omers and from St. Omers transmitted to them. The scope of which advise was this, that by all meanes care should be taken not to let armes appear or any appear in armes till after the death of the King, because they had fully considered that when any sudden death should befall the King it might be easily be layd to the Presbiterians who had killed the late King and were still enemys to the King and government. Therefore they advised that all ways should be taken to give out and possesse the people beforehand, that the Presbyterians were the only enemys, soe that when the King should be killed those of the Church of England would presently be incensed and take up armes to revenge it, and rather crave the aide of the Catholiques then be afraid of them, and therefore it was fit they should be in readinesse to make the first allarm, and give out that all was done by the Presbyterians. And then by a little assistance from abrode the worke would easily be compassed. This was the substance of the letter from Paris, and they did further desire to have the same sent into England with the opinion of those of St. Omers upon it, and those of St. Omers did in their letter much praise the advise from Paris, adding nothing else of their owne to it besides comendations, but passed unto other of smaller concernes, as that Mr. Evers should call to one Gerard of Lancashire and Gerard of Hilderson for 50*l.* due for teaching of their children or relations then and such like things.

Mr. Harcourt further added that his letters from St. Omers being directed unto him he had communicated it as alsoe that from Paris unto Mr. Bedingfeild, and Mr. Ireland, and likewise to the Lord Arundell, Lord Bellasis, Lord Stafford, and six or seven more, whom the informant hath forgott, by all whom it was highly comended as good advise and that all should endeavour upon any differences in Parliament or any other disorder still to give out that it was those blood sucking King selling Presbyterians that were the authors of it.

"The Informant further sayth that Mr. Evers did show him the sayd three letters sent from Mr. Harcott and then soon after the same day sent them by the same messenger to Carington under a cover to Mrs. Hereningham at Aston to be shown to her husband, and to Sir Jeames Simons their son in law, and to come back at night with the same letters, as he did. For that the informant did see Evers show them to the present Lord Aston in the parlour after supper his Lordship having been abroad before, and he beleiving them to be the same letters he had seen in the morning, for the messenger was then come back and two of the letters lay by on the table, and the third they were reading by the fire, and he does verily believe they were the same hands and the same letters, and the messenger was there detained all night, and made much of by the informant according to order, and in the morning Mr. Evers sent him back with an answer to Mr. Vavasor, but Mr. Evers kept still the letters from Mr. Harcot. And the informant did afterwards hear Mr. Evers and Mr. Gaven discourse together touching the said letters and in comendation of the good advice. And they named severall friends in their discourse that were engaged at Paris whom he remembers not.

"And the informant further saith, that coming once into the chamber of Mr. Evers when he was gone up to masse he found one of those

letters namely that from Paris, and had curiosity to read it againe, and soe he took it with him, and hearing how angry Mr. Evers was upon missing of it with the woman who cleaned the room, as if she had swept it into the fire on the like, he forbore to returne it back. But that this was one of the letters which were sealed up in his wallett that was hid in the closett of Mr. Evers when he ran away from Tixall about the 19th of November.

"And he further sayth, that Mr. Evers did tell him the letters from St. Omers were brought by a particular gentleman into England, and from London to Mr. Vavasor by some freind, which the informant does the rather beleive for that he tooke notice there was noe postmark upon the said letters to Mr. Vavasor.

This is the truth
Stephen Dugdale."

1678–9, February 21.—"The Information of Stephen Dugdale late of Tixall in the county of Stafford taken before his Majestie in Councill this 21 day of February 1678–9.

"The informant saith he is acquainted with one George Hobson now in the goale of Stafford as being accused by the informant. That the said George Hobson came the last summer, to live with the Lord Aston as his gentleman to waite on him, having in the same quality served the Lord Stafford, by whom he was recommended and with whom or some of his sonns or near relations he had (as Hobson told him) lived for about fifteene yeares.

"He further told the informant that he had been at Rome waiting on some of the said Lord's sons and with the present Cardinall of Norfolke. That he had at his leisure studied some parte of the mathematicks and particularly that of astrologie and that Lilly had instructed him. And the informant alsoe having been taught by a mathematician to survey land did likewise endeavour to learne something in astrologie, soe that the said Hobson and the informant did sometimes discourse and comunicate concerning such things, and they grew soe intimate that when the said Hobson did perceive how much confidence Mr. Evers placed in the informant, and that he was alsoe called into private discourse by the Lord Stafford; or whether it were that the Lord Stafford or Mr. Evers had told Hobson that the informant was ingaged, but he the said Hobson did enter into free comunication with him concerning the plott. telling him that he had for seaven yeares past knowne of the designe for reformation of the government to the Romish religion, and that he ever thought and said, that disturbance in Scotland and Ireland would best helpe to bring this matter about, and that it would not availe to take off the King, unlesse the Duke of Monmouth were alsoe disposed of. And among the severall discourses which the informant can call to mind, he does remember the said Hobson told him, that from a certain old booke of prophecies which was at the Lord Stafford's house, they had greate hopes and encouragement for their proceeding, and it points out this reformation of the government though it were very hard to be understood. But he plainly said that if this undertaking did not succeed they must never expect the like opportunity again for the establishment of the Catholick Religion but still be governed by hereticks, which might plainly appeare by the King's doeing every thing for them to make that sure.

"Hee further saith that when once he did in discourse tell the said Hobson it would cost the Pope no small summe to bring this designe about, and how would the Pope spare so much, as having warrs and busines of his owne like other Princes, Hobson replyed that he had taken

a good accompt of things when he was at Rome, and that the Pope's revenue was £24,000 a day; of which the Informant afterwards makeing som mention to Mr. John Sandbich a cousin to the Lord Aston, and to Mr. Phillipp the minister as they were drinking a bottle of ale in the house of Walter Eld, Hobson came to heare of it and chid the informant for speakeing of the said revenue.

" Hee further saith that, as he was one tyme sitting by the kitchen fire, the said Hobson came and whispered to him that he and another person had calculated the King's nativity, and that severall things fell out right, in fact according to their calculations, but before he ended the discourse or came to say what was the upshott of that calculation, they were interrupted by other company.

" Hee further saith that upon notice received that Otes had discovered the plott, the said Hobson fell into a deep melancholy, soe as to keepe his chamber for two or three dayes, and sending for the informant he did among other discourses lamenting this misfortune propose that they might erect a scheme for tryall wether Otes had really discovered or noe, accordingly he drew the scheme and by both our judgements thereupon, it did appear to us that Otes had made discovery. Whereupon he fell to blame and condemne the heads engaged in the designe that they should ever trust such a fellow as Otes was, and that if something were not done to prevent it this discovery of Otes would make all their future expectation impossible.

" The informant further saith that upon his examination on the 24th of December last the said Hobson was apprehended and examined before the Justices, and ordered to be sent the gaole at Stafford; but the Constable being the Lord Aston's tennant, did first permitt him for one night to lye at Tixall, where being in the kitchen and speakeing of what the informant had confest, he said aloud in the hearing of many and fetching a sigh, I'll warrant that my Lord Stafford's businesse is done. This informant hath been told by Elizabeth Eld who said she herselfe and Mr. Phillipps the minister of the parish, and the cook were then present."

[*Copy.*]

1678–9. February 21.—" The information of Stephen Dugdale late of Tixall in the county of Stafford taken before his Majestie in councell the 21st of February 1678–9.

The Informant saith in addition to what he hath already spoke concerning the Lord Stafford that about the same tyme (viz.) in September last the said Lord did in the great parlour at Tixall discourse to Mr. Evers and the informant the reason of his dissatisfaction against his Majestie, towards whom hee had long carried himselfe with all sorte of loyalty as he had towards his father, but that he and others had thereby had their families ruined. And in particular, that the old Lord Aston had been a great sufferer, and his father the Ambassador had spent thirty thousand pounds out of their owne estate, but that there was noe hopes of any recompence for he saw plainly as anything fell to bee given it was rather disposed of to rebells and traitors and those who had served against the King, rather then to those that had been loyall. And therefore those things had wrought with him, and were sufficient to change his mind towards the King, if there were not the matter of religion in question which was a consideration above all others.

" His Lordship further took notice how that, at any sessions of Parliament when there fell out anything to the prejudice of the Catholicks the King was alwayes willing to expose them to the Parliament's mercy both in estates and anything else that might befall them.

[*Copy.*]

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1678-9, February 21.—" The Information of Stephen Dugdale late of Tixall in the county of Stafford, taken before his Majestie in Councell, on the 24th of February 1678-9.

" The informant saith that he hath before in discourse acquainted the Lords of the Committee that while he was in prison at Stafford and before hee came to make his confession, there was much discourse spread abroade about that hee confesse and discover, upon which report Elizabeth Elde was sent over by the Lord Aston to Mr. Fitter, the priest of Mr. Fowler at St Thomas, desireing him to have a meeting with his Lordship in a certaine field called Brancote nere the River side, which was done accordingly, and when Fitter came home hee told one of Mr. Fowler's daughters what had past, namely, that they discoursing of the informant and the danger of his discovering all, the Lord Aston did even weepe, and that Fitter did tell his Lordshipp hee even suspected the informant would prove untrue, and that his Lordship had done ill that hee did not dispatch him before ever hee went out of his house. This discourse the said daughter of Mr. Fowler told the said Elizabeth Elde as being a messenger of trust imployed to bespeake the said meeting. And the said Elde did come to the informant while hee was in prison at Stafford, which is but two miles from Tixall and from whence he had some messenger or other every day, and did relate this whole matter unto him.

" Hee further saith that after hee hath made his discovery, and that thereupon the Justices issued their warrants for the seizure of George Hobson and George North (which North is nephew to Pickering) both of them servants in the house of the Lord Aston and that the warrants were served by Edward Preston the Constable of the place and servant to the said Lord. It was reported that the said Lord Aston should thereupon say in great passion, that hee was sorry hee had not run the informant thorow with his sword before hee went out of his house, the report of which words comeing to Mary and Elizabeth Stevenson or to one of them, daughters to the then mayor of Stafford, and by one of them to the wife of . . erry the informant's gaoler and then telling the informant thereof, hee did presently report this story to Joseph Tarboy a servant of the said Lord's who came to see him in the prison, bidding him to tell his Lord that hee the informant was sorry his Lordship should have had any thoughts to doe him such injury. Whereupon the next day after the said Tarboy returned to the informant and in his company Preston the Constable who had apprehended Hobson and North to testify (as accordingly he was sent by his Lordship) that he never heard his Lordship say soe, and that his Lordship did send him word and declare that hee never wisht the informant's finger to ake, but wish'd him all the happiness hee could imagine, and hoped all would doe well and that the informant might come backe to his Lordship's service. This past in the presence of the gaoler's wife, who did confirme to them what shee had heard as aforesaid.

" The informant further sayth about the beginning of September last Mr. Evers did tell him in great secret that the Lord Aston was to goe in October next to St. Omers and probably from thence to Paris. And the informant did conclude, from the manner and hints of Mr. Evers' discourse, that it was to doe somethinge in relation to the designe for Evers, and hee were then speaking of the designe, and how some out of caution would only agree to have their names entered at St. Omers, as it had beene before when, about two yeares since, hee and Mr. Cotton went over to enter names, and had continued to be done by others since. And upon the . . . . of this discourse Mr. Evers added that when my Lord was gott over, they should here more of the businesse.

" About the middle of September the Lord Aston himselfe told the informant in great secrecy, and whereof nobody was to know, that hee was intending to goe beyond sea and should want money, and therefore that presently all the tennants should know that they must bring in their rents by a fortnight after Michaelmas, which was the [time] to be fixed unto them, and that if they failed thereof they should be warned to leave his land the Ladyday next following, for although formerly hee had borne with them, yet that now hee would not. And the informant gave the same warning accordingly. But the informant says that after the news came that the plott was discovered, hee never heard my Lord to speake to him more of his goeing over."

[*Copy.*]

1678-9, March 21.—" The Deposition of Steven Dugdale gent. taken upon oath the 21st day of March 1678 before the Earle of Clarendon one of Her Majtys. Justices of Peace for the County and Liberty.

" This deponent saith that for these two years past, all or most letters that were sent to Mr. Evers were directed to the deponent and that about the 13th or 14th of October last (but of the time he is not very certain) there came two letters from Harcoate and Bennyfield to the said Mr. Evers. In one or both of which letters was expressed that this night Sr. Edmundberry Godfrey is dispatched, which when the said Evers read to the deponent, the deponent tould the said Evers he would be hanged if that did not overthrow the whole buisnesse, which made Evers answer noe, it will not be taken to be us, for he used to punish lewd persons, and such as used to go to debauched houses, and it will be supposed to be some of those that have killed him. And the deponent being hereupon further interrogated whether he had not formerly tould the Committee of the Councill as well concerning the tyme, and of the person or persons who writ the letters, as of the discourse which passed between him, and the said Evers therupon, or whether any member of the said Committee, or the clerk of the Councill who then attended them did tell him that it was not materiall to make mention of the said time or persons? The deponent saith that he did never mention anything either of the said tyme, or of the said persons unto that Committee or to the Clerk of the Councill attending them, nor was he ever tould by any of them, that to mention the said tyme or persons was not materiall. And he does upon his oath declare that although he did mention that circumstance to one Mr. Charles Chetwin when they discoursed about the murther, yet when he came before the said Committee, it being at a tyme when he brought much other evidence in writing with him, it did not occur to him to mention more then what is set downe in the entry booke of that Committee. He being then asked as it were by chance, what was said amongst them upon the said murther. . . . . And further he thinks himself bound to testifie that it was scarce possible to have more care taken, than was taken to set downe all things he said with exactnes, and without adding or diminishing, for so it was ordered by the Comittee, and so put in practice by Sir Robert Southwell that attended them.

[*Signed*] STEPHEN DUGDALE."

1678-9, March 21.—Another copy of S. Dugdale's deposition and but only extending as far as the words " those that killed him."

[*Apparently in Dugdale's own hand.*]

[*Signed*] CLARENDON.

INFORMATION of STEPHEN DUGDALE.

1678-9, March 24.—" I saw a Letter from Mr. Whitebread directed to Mr. Evers but inclosed in Groves's letter to myselfe wherein was that

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there was great hopes now that things will goe on well if there be diligent care taken in the management of it, which can never be if it be communicated to every idle fellow therefore be sure you doe not trust any but whome you have made tryall of, for if it should be discovered we both ruine our designe and all concerned in it, for those persons which are for the purpose, noe matter whether gentlemen or not, so they be cunning, desperate, and trusty, which choice made here I feare not, for there hath beene spetiall care taken that noe opportunity might be lost, and what persons you think fitt, lett me have your answere next weeke; sende to Boscobell and there will be a messenger to bring them to me. I neede not say much more to you in reguard, you are fully acquainted with the business and how it is to be caryed on by Mr. Ireland. It hope you put the gentlemen in minde for the getting what mony you can.

" Pray sende me worde by your next how my Lady is. I thinke to be for St. Omers next weeke.

[*Signed*] Stephen Dugdale."

S. Dugdale's Information.

1679, March 25.—" Some tyme before Michaelmas last, my Lord Stafford and my Lord Aston, went to Mr. Heningham's of Aston, where there was to be severall other gents, as namely Mr. Garrard of Hinderston, Mr. Peters a priest, Mr. Evers a Jesuite, Mr. Draycott of Peeneslow, Mr. Cotton a Jesuite, and Mr. Gaven a Jesuite. The cause of which meeting was to confer about my Lords Aston's goeing into France, Sir James Symyns being solicited to have gone with him, and Mr. Draycott alsoe. My Lord Stafford was to have gon, but by reason of his age, and other inabilityes desired that his son might goe in his steade which was granted, and by the circumstances which I have formerly mentioned, they were to goe to take order about the disposing of the armes provided beyond sea. And about the tyme before mentioned Mr. Howard of Hoare Cross came to Tixall to consult with Mr. Evers and my Lord Stafford and my Lord Aston about the same business, and for his going over with my Lord. And as I understood severall other gents besides those mentioned was to have gon over whose names I cannot remember by reason I had only the account from Mr. Peters and Mr. Evers and Mr. Gavin. But it is certain they did intend to goe and for that purpose. They had provided horses in the cuntry and would gett better att Pancridge faire, to take over along with them. And that Mr. Gavin att most meetings alwayes with greate courage told them that were there actually concerned that the designe now in hand was good and well pleasing with God, which he proved by Scripture, by Councells and by Examples, as namely one particularly how meritorious the work was, experienced by one that was in the Guupowder Plott whose name was Gardiner that there had by his reliques severall miracles beene wrought. Whose names would ever be famous, for that his name was to be entered into the Kalender, and soe should all those who were concerned in soe important a business, for the distroying of heritiques, and esstablishing the Roman Catholique religion in England, and that not only Gardnett but alsoe all the rest of his coadjutors and had any hand in the concerne and for a certainty of this I have beene often told as well by Mr. Peters as Mr. Gavin that it was for noe other ende they went over then for the disposing of the armes and the ratifying of orders. My Lord Aston being allways very cautious did not openly appeare but held conferences only with priests and some certaine gents.

[*Signed*] Stephen Dugdale."

### Information of S. Dugdale.

1679, March 26.—"Mr. Evers tould me [it was] about July '78 the Duke of York had promised that he would accept the crown and that he would establish the Romish religion and I saw it writne in a letter from Mr. Bedinfield the same, and I ever understood he would accept it as under the Pope. The letter writ by Mr. Evers to Mr. [T]orner last somer was that hee might speak to Mr. Perpoint that he might be mindfull of his promiss which he maid last year when Mr. Evers was in towne, his letter I was by when it was writ, and sent away by Mr. Herbert Aston's man which was going to Mr. [T]hundlebigg.

Stephen Dugdale."

### S. Dugdale's Depositions.

1679, March 27.—"A Circumstance relating to the letter which came from Mr. Harcott directed to me Stephen Dugdale att Tixall but intended for Mr. Evers concerning the murder of Sir Edmondbury Godfrey which confirms the tyme it came to my hands.

"It was about a week before a foot match was run in Cheshire betweene Sir John Crew and me, for I remember that a weeke before the match was run there came to me the footman that was to run the race with Sir John Crew's man, urging me to goe along with him to see him run. But I having just before received that letter was soe much troubled in my mind about that and other things which discovered the plott and followed Sir Edmondbury's death, that I would not goe, Mr. Evers telling me further at that time that if the plott should be discovered there would be a great persecution. And the said Stephen Dugdale says that the sayd match was run 21 Oct. 1678.

[*Signed*] Stephen Dugdale.

And the said Stephen Dugdale on the next morning following the receipt of the said letter goeing with one Mr. John Sawbridge and Mr. Phillipps to one Wattrells to drinke a bottle of ale, I told them that I heard there was a knight killed in London. This was a post day or two before I heard he was found, which I suppose they will remember.

[*Signed*] Stephen Dugdale."

### Dugdale's Paper.

1679, April 14.—"Ever since May '78 it hath been our constant hopes that by May '79 all things would bee over and every thing settled in a good condition, for it was ever intended that November, December and January, '78, would see all the sharpest of the work, and that a Protestant should not be alive but what had given very good assurance of there zeall to the Church of Rome, this was comonly spoake of all last summer mongst those which were conserned in the plot, and by others too whisperingly, for allthough he knew of something extraordinary was in hand I never found he knew anything how it must be affected, but there was care takne by the priests that you should all have notis at the very time he were reddy, and armes and everithing fit for the purpose. I have sometimes tould Mr. Evers I wonderd what the multitude must do for armes for it was imposible to affect anything without good store of them; hee would usually tell me I need not truble myself, for their was care takne in all places that nothing should be wanting, which I was allways desiring to know, which caused my opening so many letters, but could receve not any further sattisfaction but what I have formerly spoak of being provided beyound sayes, and I am certain those

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gentlemen I have formerly named must needs know where these armes is, if their be any in England, for there ware constant meeting of them for contriving ways how the work would be best affected, for wone part was always intended a masacray in all places where it might be best affected, and it was belleived it would put such a teror of the rest that they would rather run then stay, but those was to be served so as presbiter, then those that flead there was an armey to cutt them of as they went, this was as well to be don in Ireland and Scotland as in England, besides Mr. Evers, Mr. Gavan, Mr. Peter, Mr. Gifford, Mr. Luson hath very oft tould me thus, and I pretending my zeall in, they would very oft speak cheerfully to me and say, fear not Mr. Dugdale you shall in a short time see good times, and that I should be a happy man, boath in this world and the world to come. I do remember once my Lord Stafford was by and used the like words."

### Dugdale's Examination.

1679, March 27.—"In the letter from Harcourt wherein was the intelligence of Sir Edmundsbury Godfrey being despatched it was added they were fearfull that things would come out more and more, whereupon Mr. Evers said if it did there would be very sore persecution."

*Endorsed* "Dugdale's Examination at the Committee of Secrecy."

### Bedlow's Information.

1679, March 26.—"Upon Tuesday the 26th of January Mr. Na. Reding told me that my Lord of Powis, my Lord Stafford, and my Lord Petters, Sir Henry Tichburn, Mr. Rooper, Mr. John Cassell, and Mr. Ratcliffe, and Mr. Daniell Arthur, would make an acknowledgment to me worthy of so grate a kindnes and the saveing of theire lifes if I would shorten my evidence upon thaire tryalls and bring them of thaire charge of high treson, and likewise he told me he knew it was not fitting or anyway to my advantage to run at the whole head of men, but I should gaine my poynt if 2 or 3 did suffer for the plott, and by this meens I might secure the same reward from the Parliment, and another from those gentlemen besides, and said he would go to the Lords in the Tower who had imployed him, to know more from them how to proceed.

"Afterwards upon the 14th of February I did meet Mr. Reding at the Palsgrave's Head tavern where he told me these Lords and gentlemen did not thinke it safe for them to go on farther till they did find what and how far the next Parliament would proceed, and if they should be brought on their tryalls thay would give him severall writings for setlements of estates from them to him, in ten days after thair tryalls, if he could bring them of from theeir charge, which writings was to be immediately drawne, and he to keep them and would be bound to me for them that they should signe and seale them after thaire tryalls, besides a good reward in redy monye.

"Munday March the 24th I being in the Spaker's roome with Mr. Reding he told me the Lord Tresurer was sent for by the Blake Rod, and now my lord Staford and the rest did believe I could do him and them a grate kindnes, and bid him tell me that he had one estate in Glostershere that my mother was with him about 18 yeare since to take a lese of him, and that there was but 2 yeare to come but the present tenant's lease would be out, and that my Lord Staford would give me that estate for 21 years without paying any rent to him so I would shorten my evidence against him and bring him of; and that he had orders from my Lord to draw the writeings in order to it.

"This with many other pasages I have from time to time informed the prince and my Lord Essex of and other frends." MSS. OF SIR W. FITZHERBERT.

EXAMINATIONS, DEPOSITIONS, &c.

1678, Oct. 11.—J. Curzon
„ „ —J. Boatman (bis) } Coleman's servants.
„ Dec. 9.—Gratiano.
„ Dec. 21.—E. Everard.
1679-80, Feb. 7.
„ Feb. 12.
„ March 24.
„ April 30. } E. Needham.
„ March 15.—M. Ball and a letter to Lord Herbert of 19th.
1680, April 2.—Th. Marshall.
„ April 28.—J. Sanders, C. Sands, and Colster.
„ „ —J. Sanders.
„ „ —D. Colster.
„ „ —Ch Towneley.
„ „ —Jo. Byford.

The EXAMINATION of JOHN CURZSON, Coachman to Mr. Coleman.

1678, October 30.—"This examinant saith that he hath lived with Mr. Coleman as his coachman neare six years and all that time ordinarily hath every week carryed his Mr. to my Lord Arundel of Wardour's house in Lincoln Inne fields some times more and sometimes less and some times twice in a day when my Lord was in town. And also carryed him often to my Lord Powys' house in Queen Street and Vere Street. And several times to my Lord Peter's when he was in town.

"And often to my Lord Bellasse's, and to my Lord Baltamor's and to my Lord Castlemayne, and the day before his Master was committed he carryed him to my Lord Arundle of Wardour's twice or thrice and this examinant saith on the Sunday after dynner the day before his Master was committed he carryed his Master to Doctor Short's lodgings in the Strand and there took up Doctor Short and they went into Chancery Lane to one Mr. Wright a lawyer, and carryed them to Mr. Wright's lodgings where they stayed two or three hours, and then he carryed his Master to my Lord Arundell of Wardour's where he had carryed him in the morning, and then from thence he carrying his master homewards in the Strand, one Mr. Cotton a kinsman to his Master mett him and stayed the coach and whispered to his master and as this examinant believeth acquainted his Mr. that his house was searching, and thereupon his master commanded this examinant to turn the coach and to drive to my Lord Arudell of Wardour's, which the examinant did doe accordingly, and after some stay there the examinant carried his master into Lombar Street where this examinant sot his Master downe, but where his Master lodged that night this examinant knows not, and there was one John Tother who there wayted upon his master as a footman and this examinant saith he often carryed his master to St. James and sometimes to or three times in a week . . . . . and believes he went to Mr. Langhorne's house and sometimes to the Myle house to . . . house which may be Mr. Saunder's, and more he saith not. The mark of John Curson ×.

Taken before us upon oath this 30th day of October 1678.

Edmund W. Wyndham.
Thos. Stringer. Will. Glascock."
P. Howard.

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The Examination of Jeromey Boateman, servant to Mr. Coleman.

"This examinant saith he hath served Mr. Coleman above five years last past in the quality of a cleark and servant in his chamber and is by his birth a Wallowne neare Mons in Hennort [Hainaut]. That this examinant did transcribe his master's letters by his order and did communicate such of them as his Mr. gave him leave to his particular friends for this examinant's private advantage.

"The copy of the original of which letters were all entered into a book by his Mr. own hand or by this examinantt, which books were taken by those that apprehended his Mr. as he beleeves, but there was a book that was filled up with letters which was not taken as this examinant beleeveth but what his master hath done with the said book this examinant knows not. This examinant further saith that his Mr. to the time of his commitment and two posts afterwards did instantly and severall pacquetts of letters from foreign parts.

"This examinant saith that the night before his master was taken his master did lye at his mother's house or lodgings Aldermonbury, who lives with Mr. Mitten her son in law as he beleeves.

"That he heard nothing of his master being questioned till the Sunday night before he was apprehended. This examinant saith he doth not remember that his master lay abroad any one night but the night before he was taken all the time he lived with his master, and this examinant hath served my Lord Arundell of Wardour, my Lord Powys, my Lord Bellassis, and my Lord Peters and the Lord Castlemayne, at dynner with Mr. Coleman severall times.

Jerome Boteman.

Taken before us the 30th day of October 1678.

Tho. Stringer.

P. Howard.

Will. Glascock. C. Harbor.

Edward W. Wyndham."

[*The two papers endorsed*] "from Sir Thomas Stringer."]

[*These three examinations are upon one sheet of paper.*]

The Further Examination of Jeremy Boateman taken this—of November 1678.

"This examinant saith that the copy of the originall letters that were sent to this examinant's master were entered into a book . . . of his master's handwriting and some with this examinant's and the letters themselves this examinant beleeves his master bound up in bundles, that one great book was full of copies of letters and the other was about half full, that which was half full this examinant beleeves was taken away by those that searched the house. The other book full of copies of letters this examinant is informed since this last examination that the same was burned by this examinant's master or his command. This examinant positively saith that there were two books in which copies of letters were entered, and this examinant believeth there was three, and this examinant further saith that two or three posts after this examinant's master was taken into custody letters came from beyond seas directed to his master, some of them this examinant opened and left upon a table in his master's house, which this examinant beleeves were burned by his master, and another this examinant delivered to his master being in custody with Mr. Rutter the messenger, and this examinant saith that he hath been beyond sea four times since he came to his master, once he went into Britany to carry a letter from the Duchesse of Yorke to Duke Mazerin, and once with his master,

and another time with his mistress, and then to fetch her home. This examinant further saith that he beleeves all his master's letters were taken by the messenger.

Taken upon oath

JEROME BOTEMAN.

Thomas Stringer."

1678, December 9. Bristoll.—"The further information of . . Gratiano, taken the ninth day of December 1678.

"Who sayth upon his oath that upon the third day of August last past Josephus Georgenie a Græcian Bishopp as hee styles himselfe being then in this citty did in his discourse say unto this deponent that hee did not question but that the Duke of Yorke would be King of England in a short tyme and that then he the said Georgernie should be preferred to a Bishoppricke under him in [th]is Kingdom.

DOMINICO [GRA]TIANE.

John Lloyd, Mayor,
John Lawford, Ralph Olliffe.
Tho. Stevens."

## E. EVERARD'S INFORMATION.

1678, December 21.—"The information of the plott was five yeares since made by me, but was suppresst, and was again given into the Committee of the Lords sitting in Parliament at Westminster on the 21th of December 1678 by me Edmond Everrard.

"Whilst I was employed as agent at the French Court for the English Militia's concernes, one of the officers (now Sir John Fenwick) brought me first to the acquaintance of my Lady Anne Gordon (sister to the now Marques of Huntley in Scotland); she after about a yeares frequentation communicated unto me certaine important secretts concerning a Popish plott against England.

"Shee is a lady of a vast correspondency amongst the Clergy and Nobility almost through all Europe, liveing ordinarily as a free person in nuneries, and was then in a Convent in Paris. Att a time I surprised her with two of the cheife Scotch Seminarists at Paris in a deep darke discourse of the English affaires, and as soon as my Lady made them understand I was one of her privatest freinds and catholiquely affected, (it being fitt shee should so imagin for that time) they then began to speak plaine enough to lett me perceive that the discourse tended to some sudden design for the subversion of the English governement and Governour and the setting up Popery here in England.

"But on some day of the month of Nov: 1673 I enquired of my Lady what those misterious discourses meaned shee had with the Scotch Preists; shee after long importunities and protestations revealed unto me that which followes.

(The charge against the Lady Huntley.)

1st. That there was now a grand designe on foote in England for the settleing of the Catholique faith there publiquely.

2dly. That there was also a project against the Parliament that made such a stir (as shee spoke) and was their main obstacle, either totally to dissolve it or to sow some division betwixt the King and it, where his majestie also should find potent adversaries of the Romish nobility who would cut out work for him.

3rdly. That there was a very considerable party in England who laboured to make the Duke of Yorke King. But that the Scotts indeed were more for the Duke of Monmouth's being such if meanes

could be made to bring him over to it, wherein shee conceived I might be an usfull instrument haveing beene imployed under him. But said I, what do they meane to do with the King himselfe ; shee answered :—

4dly. That the King of England would be made away and dispatcht after his father, so that he would not be in a case to anoy any body.

"Then I enquired by what meanes they thought to bring such matters about, and who were the leading men in the contrivance and who the under agents to carry it on, she said that all that was to much for me to knowe at the first time, besides that it was then to late at night, but that at my returne, withen 3 dayes (for avoyding of suspition) I should be fully satisfied, but I insisted that those were grand affaires whereof she spoke, for which consequently shee needed to have more then common grounds, shee replied that I ought not to doubt but that she had the best corresponding in England, Scotland, and France, as having on the one part Madam de Gordon her Aunt (one of the cheife Ladyes of the Duchesse of Orleans) who was taken to be of the fittest for intelligence and intrigues at the French Court, and on the other side that shee received letters almost every weeke from the eminentest churchmen on this side and that side of the seas, as also from some of the greatest noblemen in England and Scotland, as from her brother the Marquess of Huntley, my Lord Oxenford of Scotland, Mr. Maitland (somewhat concerned in the secretariship of Scotland) and from the Earle of Rothes Chancellor of Scotland ; But shee run out into some of his love rommance with her, so that I leave to others to inferr from the premisses to which, either to love or to the plott, part or all of this his letter, correspondency must be referred ; and to confirme farther the credit I must give to her words she drew forth a bag full of letters (a matter of a bushell) and showed some more in a cabinet saying, are these all about trifles thinke you ? Shee let me see farther a picture in mignature of the said Chancellor, and went about to read one of his letters (of a large and illshaped caracter me thought) but withheld referring me to the forementioned three dayes forme. But I at last askt her how she could avoyd suspition if so many letters were directed to her in her owne name, she told me she had taken a good course for that because her correspondents had severall names for her, and part of her letters were directed to Mr. Conne a Scotchman liveing at Paris as agent for the Pope, others were adressed to Mr. Dallison her Scotch phisitian there, some to Father Joseph Prior of the English Benedictines at Paris who was her Confessor.

The charge against the Talbots.

"Now in the interval, haveing beene before recommended by Dr. O'brien, Dr. Molony, priests, and others to Coll: Richard Talbot and to his brother Peter (the pretended Archbishop of Dublin) for a person that carried on business after the formallities of the French Court, and the Coll : haveing made some tryalls of me, he on a time desired me to be assistant to his brother the Bishop (not long since come out of England). The Bishop desired I should go complement on his behalfe the Marshall Belfount (grand Steward to the French King) and knowe when he might be introduct by him to the French King's audience about the business whereof he treated with the Marshall himselfe, while he was in England in or about the yeare 1670, the Marshall being then at court (kept at Versailles). The Bishop would have Mr. Moore a philosophy professor in Graslin Colledge to accompany us theither next day. Haveing layne that night at Versailles and the Bishop striveing to make us all merry on the good Catholiques' account, I took the opportunity to enquire whether he thought it not fitt to com-

municate to me the heads and grounds of this affaire, wherein he was pleased to make me his speaker and introductor at court. Least, said he, any occasion might happen for you to second it, the business that I am about to represent is this :

1. It is a business (said he) which mightily concernes the welfare of the Catholiques in England and especially in Ireland.
2. That he was to propose wayes to the King of France whereby to releive them in their present extremities and persecutions and to undertake their protection, and some of his wayes was to arme some Irish and to secure a seaport town in Ireland for the French.
3. He said that he had a speciall good warrant and commission for this his negotiation from some of the greatest persons in England.
4. That he was to solicit his Christian Majestie for a pension or arrears payable to himselfe. The next morning I went to the King's riseing to acquaint the Marshall Belffond that the Archbishopp Talbot was in towne to waite on his Majestie and him. Hee wisht me to introduce him. The Marshall knew him at first sight and embrac'd him, and told the King of it, his Majestie receiving him with great civility lead him into a private roome where Mr. Moore and I following them he beckoned to Mr. Moore who had the papers to advance. But I from the doore saw the Bishop present a letter to the King with other papers which I think were sealed. I overheard him speak to the King in Italien, their conference lasted about halfe an houre, and though his Majestie be of a morose temper yet he often smiled as at propositions that pleased him.

"But at our coming off from court I enquired of the Bishop of the good success of his negotiation, which I told him seemed to be of other or more matters then he acquainted me with. No, said he, 'tis but of the same matters I spoake to you off last night, whereof he said I should knowe more seeing he must come to court againe and againe about it, though the King promised all satisfaction possible and hopes of a good issue, so not to increase suspition I urged him no farther, but parted from him for that time to Paris.

"Yett observe that one Mr. Coome a Scotchman who was formerly the Pope's Nuntio and there his Agent at Paris had almost every day private conferences with both the Talbotts, and waited betwixt them and the Nuncio then being in Paris, and the Talbots and this Coome came also often to my Lady Huntley though my Lady had also another pretext to see Coome.

"The very same night I did communicate all that past in this Peter Talbott's negotiation to Sir Robert Welsh, as I had don before that other treason of the Lady Huntley's, both fearing least this grand secrett might dy with mee, and having many enemies dayly threatening me then at Paris, and for that this Sir Robert was a man that still made much verball professions of his sufferings, actings and loyalty for the King of England, our naturall prince, in such former discoveries. But Sir Robert's true caracter I found out too late. However he most unfaithfully forthwith discovered all to Collonell Talbot, both that of my Lady Huntleye's and the Talbot's business, and that I intended speedily to go for England to accuse both him and his brother Peter. The Coll: faining to keepe his bed desired to speek with me at his owne lodging. The circumstance of the message with the premisses weighed, I took one or two along with me to his very antichamber on some pretext or other ; he presently frouningly desired to knowe when I intended

MSS. of Sir W. Fitzherbert.

for England and when I had seen Sir Robert Welsh. By this I presently perceiveing I was betrayed pretended another occasion of that voyage, for which besides I seemed not to be very earnest, if either in Paris or with the now Duchess of Yorke (then at Paris) he could procure me some fitt employment so as to be her secretary, &c. Att first he went about to dissuade me from coming over into England at all, then began to threaten me manfully, and that if he heard I did otherwise then I said in stealing away for London on such accusations against them, and the Catholiques, he would infallably procure that I should forthwith be committed to the Tower or to the Gate-house at my arrivall in England, which accordingly happened according to his spitefull prophecy after or about seven dayes I arrived here at London.

"So seeing the effect of his threatenings fall out so punctually and not doubting but that he with Sir Robert and other their correspondents there were the under contrivers of my 4 yeares close imprisonment at the Tower, though a very remote surmise was put in by them against me for a pretext, therefore I say I was afraid to charge them much and but warily whilst I was in prison fearing worse from any friend of theirs."

Evidences.

1st. The aforesaid Sir Robert Welche's evidence may first confirme the truth of this my information, for he being now in London can witness that I disclosed to him all the said treason about 5 yeares since in No. 73. so that it cannot be imagined that this information is any new matter fitted for the times against Papists, and if he denys it, it may be made out against him by the following and other evidences I can bring.

2. It appears that Sir Robert after my confinement acquainted Mr. Secretary Coventry of the said informations for I have seen some of Sir Robert's letters, which I could not but knowe, in the secretarie's hands, out of which he examined mee upon the said treasonable points in the presence of my Lord of Bathe, Newport, and Bellasis . . . . whence I inferr that the secretary must needs have knowne the said matter from Sir Robert and consequently that the secretary himselfe may witness that he then, now 5 yeares since, was informed of such things to have beene past and discovered in France.

3. And whilst I was in the Tower I began to discover some of these matters to Sir John Robinson, but whether it was that he took such Popish plottings to be unlikely, or that he took such discoveries from me to be a devised starting from the onely point he would have mee confess concerning the Duke of Monmouth (against whom I neither had nor thinke any can have the least occasion of conceiving any mischife), but however it was, Sir John made very slight of my information concerning the Huntleyes and Talbots, of which I am sure I began to relate unto him att the least. But how farr he suffered me to proceede I cannot now tell, both for that it is 5 yeares since, and haveing extreame hard usage wherewith Sir John did usually alarme and trouble my thoughts, of which neither his Majestie nor the Duke of Monmouth knowe, as my Lord Northampton told me since.

4. And since my releasement of late from the Tower, I yet went thither at the beginning of this last sessions of the last Parliament to desire Sir John to second me in the receiving of the said discoveries, but he at my first speaking rejected my proposalls referring me to the Secretary of State; but I had severall reasons

to think that he especially or some Parliament man would be more fitt introducer for one that was in my circumstances.

5. Coll: Justin Macarty now in London and then in Paris can I beleive testify the same, that either by Sir Robert Welsh's report, or the generall fame he hath then heard, that I did accuse the Talbots and Huntely in the said year 1673.
6. Nay and one Captain Barret now also in town told me a matter of 3 weeks before this information was given in on the said 21 of December to the Lords, that it was generally given out amongst the Irish Catholicks in Dublin and here that the Talbotts were above a month before committed in Ireland upon my accusing of them of these points, wheras since I came into England I never spoke of these matters but about three years agoe to the said Sir John Robinson, and now of late to the Committee of Lords; whence it may be inferred that the Talbotts or other of their friends privy to the matters thus accusing themselves before hand, before I had accused them, is an argument that long before these present times there were such matters spoken of by me in France, and that it came to the knowledge of many Irish; and the Talbotts themselves foreaccuse themselves in a manner; and doubtless where confronted to me they cannot deny it, as my request is they might be sent for and brought from Dublin Castle to London; there being other wittnesses of the King's evidence that can accuse them as I came to know but a week before I gave this information to the Commons now sitting, not knoweing of it att all when I had given my charge against them to the Lords on the 21 December. And then the Lords promised the Talbotts should be sent for, yet they are not yet come though it be 3 months after."

"This information was given in writing in the Honble. House of Commons sitting in Parliament at Westminster on the four and twentieth of March 1679 by

Edmond Eve[rard]."

### R. Needham's Confession.

1678–9, February 7.—"I doe confesse that I have been in company severall and many times in the company of many Priests particularly Mr. Poole, Mr. Turner, Mr. Heaton, Mr. Evers, Mr. Vavasor, Mr. Peeters, Mr. Busby, all which are priests, and one lay man one Mr. Sherbourne, which persons at times I have been in company of when these words have been spoake. That before long they hoped for better times, that if things went on right it was expected the King might not live long, and then the Duke of Yorke would be King, who had given good assurance for the establishing of the Romish religion, but some of the company supposing the Duke of Monmouth would stand up for the government, and soe it was thought fit that necessaryes might not be wanting for carrying on the designe. And I doe confess I have been imployed, and uppon this occasion, by the aforenamed gentlemen for the carrying and receiving of letters for any thing I know to that purpose, and I doe confesse I have been severall times att meetings where the discourse hath been tending to the aforesaid, and alsoe about Michaelmas last I was with Mr. Busbie the priest lately mentioned, and being in discourse of State affaires I told the said Mr. Busbie I was doubtfull that the expectation of our hoped for designe would not prevaile as regard our adversaryes were so powerful, he answered that the King shortly would be disposed of and then the Duke of Yorke would be set up as King, and doe confesse I have been with Mr. Evers

severall times and had severall discourses as tending to the good and propagation of our religion, as also I doe remember that sodaynly after that discourse which Mr. Busby and I had, the plot being then discovered Mr. Busbie, one Mr. Sherbourne aforenamed, and one Mr. Shippie a priest, fled and they were never seen nor heard of since by me, and furthermore if any thing hereafter I should remember I shall be willing to give you account off, for my memory being ill and many troubles upon me I do not know whether I may be mindfull of all at present."

(*Signed*) RICHARD NEEDHAM.

Sworne before the
Lords of the Committee
7th Feby. '78.
PHILLIP LLOYD."

### DR. RICHARD NEEDHAM'S PAPER.

1678–9, February 12.—"Since I was last before your Lordships it hath beene my sole meditation (together with the craving pardon of God and with the desire to illuminate mee in this so high a worke, and withall to doe no person wrong) to give my most gracious Soveraigne and your Lordships the best satisfaction which lay in my power, my memory decaying, and my senses being tosticated with worldly affaires how to maintaine my family, and pay the world its due, and the businesse being some tyme since perhaps hath taken me off somethings I have heard, the tymes and places, to which if I had a thousand lives to save by it, and as many souls, I cannot give your Lordships a relation, but to wrong both my soul and the parties, only this, which I hereafter mention; being a company of us together at a meeting, wee were all enjoyned to say so many prayers for the Pope's good intention, and carrying on the great work, which was commended by the persons in my last deposition, the injunction being made in my presence, Mr. John and Mr. William Pontrill's, together with others whose names I doe not know, and what part they might have in the designe I doe not know, in regard the instructions was to be received from theire priest Mr. Busbie; those things have happened within this two moneths or thereabout and the business was discovered before my full instructions was given me, therefore I humbly beg your favourable opinion of the truth, which ever during life, shall procede from his Majestie's most loyall poore subject and your humble petitioner.

I accept this to be true."

(*Signed*) RICHARD NEEDHAM.

### R. NEEDHAM.

[1679], March 24.—"I humbly beg your pardon for my grosse absurditie for offendinge your Lordships (through my mistake) soe highly when I was before you last but one, it was onely my wronge supposition who thought your Lordships had only intended to have examined me and not for that I did remember any thing more at that time. My Lords I have meditated uppon every particular worde by worde in my deposition, how to pitch upon the parties, times, and places, where and by whome, as if I were before the great tribunall seate of God to give your Lordships better satisfaction, but beinge two or three yeares since at the least, I cannot with these confused idle braines of myne doe it, though I suffer death for it, not to say punctually, but to my best knowledge, it was with Mr. Evers at Tixall, about three yeares

since or upward, who sayd before longe, he hoped for better times, that if things went on right, it was expected the Kinge might not live longe, and then the Duke of Yorke would be Kinge, who had given good assurance for the establishinge of the Romish religion ; a man, I suppose of the family, beinge by (for I was but a stranger there), sayd he did not qnestion but the Duke of Monmouth would stand up for the government, and therefore they thought that necessaryes should not be wantinge for carryinge on the designe ; and as to whome the letters were transported by me, hath been from Mr. Evers to Mr. Turner, and from Mr. Busbie to Mr. Turner, and returned from him to them againe ; and as to those who used to be with us at times, at our meetinges were one Mr. Sherbourne, Thomas Richardson, Joseph Spar, and his sonne in law I knowe not his name, and some woomen whome I knowe not, onely Mrs. Smauley, and Mrs. Brontnay, and as to my wive's speeches that she should never see mee againe, I doe beleive she had heard me say somethinge before concerninge the plot, wherein she conceived danger, as alsoe I am confident she was at the injunction, and to the Pontrills, in respect of theere beinge at the injunction, I have cause to thinke thay knew somethinge, otherwise they were alwayes very strange to me, as I was a stranger indeed.

" My Lords this is all I can say, which I hope your Lordships will have a favorable construction of and be pleased to intercead for me to my most gratious soveraigne for my pardon and the freedome of your most humble petitioner."

RICHARD NEEDHAM.

1679, April 30.—[*Another copy of the last Information with the following additional passages*] :—" I likewise remember that beinge some halfe a score of us at a meetinge we were all enjoyned to say soe many prayers for the Pope's good, and carryinge on the greate worke, which was commanded by the priest Mr. Busbie, the minutes being made in my presence, Mr. John and Mr. William Pontrills, together with others whom I doe not know, and what part they might have in the designe, I doe not know, in . . the instructions was to be received from the priest Mr. Busbie ; these things have happened within this twelve months or there abouts, and the business was discovered before my full instructions was given me, I owne Mr. Busbie and Mr. Poole, two Jesuits, were the persons who brought me in as both givinge charge of the injunction, I owne my goods I sould in parte to pay my debts, and rent, and in parte to buy some corne to make me bred, though it would not extend to it, thinkinge if they should be seised, I should not be able with . . . . . nd to pay my debts, and soe be cast into prison, and for the worde which my wife sayd that she would never see me againe, I am very confident it was through some words which she spoake before concerninge the plot."

RICHARD NEEDHAM.

1678–9, March 15.—Shrewsbury, County of Salop, Michael Ball, examined before Edward Phillips Esqre. mayor of the said towne, this 15th day of March 1678, deposeth as followeth.

" Who upon oath saith that he this deponent standing att his house doore being in Mardell in the said towne of Shrewsbury about May, June, or August, next comeing will be two years, he saw two carriages viz. : a waggon and cart standing in the said streete, hee this deponent goeing to the said carters asked them what those carriages were loaded with, who answered they were loaded with muskett

and pistoll barrells, and puting his hand in the said cart and waggon did as he this deponent beleive feall both muskett and pistoll barrells, for that he this deponent put his fingers into the muszles of some of them, and he this deponent doth further say that he pulled out a pair of horse pistoll barrells askeing the carters whether they would sell them, who replyed they were given them by account or tale, and if they did not deliver them soe theire wages would be stopped, and said that they were to carry them to my Lord of Powis, and asked of this deponent which was the best and nearest way to Red Castle, and further saith that the cause of his this deponent talking with them was because there were very good horses in the said carriages and that one of the said carters did pull out of his pockett a note of directions of the way to this place aforesaid and said he, this deponent, did give him a true account of the way according to his noate."

MICHAEL BALL.

T. BROWNE to the LORD HERBERT OF CHERBURY.

1678–9, March 19. Salop.—"In obedience to your Lordship's command I addressed myselfe to the mayor of this place, who I found most ready to sattisfie your Lordship's request, and immediately sent for Ball, who upon oath as you may find by the inclosed hath fully declared what he knowes which at present is all your Lordship requires.

[*Enclosure.*]

My Lord,

If another witnes be necessary there is one in Oswestry by name Katherin Jones a chimney sweepe's daughter who then drew drinke att the Green Dragon in this towne to the waggoner and carter, when Mr. Ball made the discovery, one Hugh kept then the Green Dragon who now absconds but may be found upon occasion by

Your Lordship's obedient servant

G. B.

Pardon haste good my Lord."

1679, April 2.—"The Examination of Thomas Marshall gentleman taken upon oath the 2nd of Aprill 1679, before the right honble. the Earl of Clarendon, one of his Majesties Justices of the Peace for the said County and Liberty.

"This deponent saith that he hath bin four yeares in November last in the English colledge of Secular Priests in Lisbone in Portugall, and that he came from thence on or about the 6th of February last, new stile, and that Mr. John Betts being one of his masters for Philosophy, the deponent in the latter end of January or beginning of February last waiting at the said Mr. Betts his chamber doore in order to do some exercise, heard Mr. Roger Hesqueth (who with Mr. Howard the Lord Viscount Stafford's sonne was there in the said Mr. Betts his chamber) say wee have brought our pigs to a faire market, we have used all meanes possible by sending missionary priests to convert England, and probably might have done it if Oates had not putt a remora to our designe, and I thinke the best way may be to contrive the death of Oates, whereupon the said Betts replyed, that's impossible, for Catholicks being soe severely persecuted there can be noe oportunity for it, whereupon the said Mr. Hesqueath replyed, Mr. Booth is an ingenious man and we will send him by land to England, and I question not but he will effect our designe in killing of Oates. The deponent further saith that at his comeing from Portugall he demanding of

Mr. Booth when he was for England, Mr. Booth told him that he had some earnest business that would not suffer him to begin his journey this month, soe sent a letter by this deponent to Dr. Parkot which he desired the deponent to deliver with his owne hand, but the deponent not meeting with the said Parkot at his lodgeing he hath since received a letter from John Brett porter to the said Colledge (which was sent to him to the harbour in Lisbone but not received by the deponent till after he had bin sometime in England) to desire him to secure the letters he brought for England by wraping them in a foule shirt or trusting some of the seamen with them. That the deponent suspecting some dangerous matter in the said letter to Parkot opened it, which was to deplore the tyranny which the Roman Catholicks groane under in England, and that now since he had so faire an oportunity of conveying his letter he would speake in more cleare termes then formerly which was that they must contrive the death of Oates. This deponent further saith that he hath unfortunately lost the said letter but very well remembers the contents of it to be as above."

[*Endorsed*] "Received from Sir Thomas Lee who received from Mr. Relf."

1679, April 28.—"The examination of John Sanders, Christopher Sands, and Daniell Colster, taken before Sir W. Waller.

"This examinant saith, that about a fortnight past hee came from St. Omers out of the Colledg of English Jesuits in company of Mr. Christopher Sands, and that about a month before he left St. Omers he was desired to take a journey into England by one Mr. Roger Copley, from Mr. John Carryll now a prisoner in the Tower, in case he could say anything in behalf of the Lords or anything relating to Mr. Oates."

[*Signed*] JOHN SAUNDERS.

"The examination of Mr. Christopher Sands taken before mee this 28 April 1679.

"This examinant saith that about a fortnight past hee came from St. Omers out of the Colledg of the English Jesuits in company of Mr. Sanders, but on no other account then in obedience to the King's command and to save his estate.

CHRISTOPHER SANDS."

"The examination of Mr. Danniell Coulster taken by mee this 28 April 1679.

"This examinant saith that on Sunday was sevenight he came from St. Omers out of the English Colledg of Jesuits in company with another young English student at the instigation of the Superiour of the Colledg as likewise the desire of severall Roman Catholicks in England for the justification of the Roman Catholick caus, and in relation to Mr. Otes.

DA. COULSTER."

"Memorandum.—That the said Gifford said that his Superior of the Colledg at St. Omers had sent him over to swear in behalf of the Lords and that he must obey and would right or wrong. This he said in the presence of us here under written.

ROBERT CHAMBERLAYNE living in Arundell Street.
MARK GOUDDALL over against Sr. Thos. Clarges.
WILLIAM WALLER."

1679, April 28.—"The further examination of John Saunders, *alias* Fall, *alias* Palmer, the son of Stephen Fall barber in Falcon Court

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in Fleete Streete now deceased, taken this 28th of Aprill 1679 before us Sir William Waller Bart. and Edmond Warcupp Esqre. two of his Majestie's Justices of the Peace in the said County and Citty.

"This examinant saith, that hee hath been a student at St. Omers for two yeares and halfe last past, and came thither in grammar, and is mainteined by the Carrylls and particularly Mr. John Carryll the elder, and he saith that Mr. Thimbleby and Mr. Peters were ministers there, and Mr. Ashby, Rector, and Mr. Thomas Stapylton is now Rector, and Father Nevyll is now minister there. And hee further saith that Mr. Copley coming over into England went to Mr. Carrell and returning to St. Omers where hee asked this examinant wether hee knew any thing of Mr. Oates, who went by the name of Sampson Lucy; who answered that from the first time the said Mr. Oates came to St. Omers hee never went away, till hee went for good and all, and he remembers that Mr. Oates was there in Lent time last yeare, but was not absent from the colledge five daies in the said time, when he was att Watton as hee heard; and one Edward Evers as this examinant remembers went with Mr. Oates thither, and he remembers that Mr. Oates was standing as the procession which passed in Corpus Christy day, which this examinant saies was after the time Mr. Oates saies hee was at the consult of the Jesuites in London, about May precedeinge as this examinant heard, and this Examinant saith that hee knoweth the premises to be true because he saw Mr. Oates sit at the refectory table in the colledge: and hee saith that Mr. Oates would not be absent at any time from the colledge 3, 4, or 5 daies at any time, but this examinant must know it, this examinant constantly observinge who were at the refectory table, this examinant sitting at the Syntaxin table which was just over against the said table where Mr. Oates sate; and hee saw Mr. Oates in the infirmary, but he knowes not how often Mr. Oates was sick, but there are other witnesses can prove how long Mr. Oates was in the Infirmary, and hee saith that hee never knew or heard Mr. Oates did any ill thing, or was thought an ill man, but was kind and familar among the students, and this examinant saith that there are about 15 or 16 persons that are come over from St. Omers, on the same errand this examinant cometh for, some being lay brothers, some students, and some servants, and that they and hee are sent over to testify for the Lords in the Tower, what they know of Mr. Oates, and hee saith that hee came very much against his will, but was commanded by Mr. Carryll to come, and can testify noe more against Mr. Oates, then is conteyned before herein: and this examinant came over with Christopher Townley, who also went by the name of Sands, and this examinant receaved three pounds partly of Brother Harry and partly of the Procurator Bushby, for his journey into England, and this examinant was recommended to my Lord Castlemaine by a letter which Christopher Towneley had at St. Omers: and they were bid to goe to Mr. Robinson's at Charing Crosse where my Lord Castlemaine lyes, and the Lord Castlemaine's footeman went with this examinant to Mr. Schard's house where this examinant was taken; and this examinant saw Townley deliver the letter of recommendation to Mr. Robinson; and hee further saith that about the time the noyse and rumour of the plott in England was spread abroad, there was likewise a report at St. Omers that the King was killed, but how or by whome he heard not; and this examinant saith he doth not believe there is any plott of the Jesuites or Papists against the King or government, although he hath heard many reports to that effect. And this examinant saith, that his

Superior told him that hee could not bee saved if hee took the Oathes of Allegiance and Supremacy when he came into England : And further sayeth not."

[*Endorsed*] "from Sir W. Waller."

1679, April 28.—"The examination of Mr. Danniell Coulster *alias* Gifford, taken this 28th day of April 1679 before us Sir William Waller, and Edmond Warcupp Esq. two of his Majestie's Justices of the Peace in the said Citty and County.

"This examinant saith that his father was Sir Joseph Coulster sometimes a Protestant but as this examinant verily beleives at his death a Papist, since the death of his father for the space of 7 years within 3 months hath been educated at the English colledg of Jesuits at St. Omers, and maintayned at the charge of Collonell Charles Gifford of Chillington in the County of Staffordshire his father in law, and all such sums of money as for his mayntenance used to be remitted, were payd to Thomas Stapleton, Rector of the said colledg, and his predecessor Richard Ashby at Thimbleby. This examinant saith that about last Christmas was twelve months he saw Mr. Otes in the forementioned colledg and that from that time he was continualy residing there untill the middle of June following, unless for two or three dayes at one time he was absent, and that during such time as he was in health there, he saw him once in two nights. On Sunday was sevenight this examinant at the instigation of the Superiour came away from St. Omers and arrived at London on Thyrsday night last, having received of his Superiour three pounds towards the bearing of his charges, and by his Superiour was recomended by letter to my Lord Castlemain. Being arrived in London this examinant in company of Joseph Dallison a student in the said Colledg went to waite on the sayd Lord Castlemaine, and by the said Lord were recomended to a Lady in Arundell Street at the hous of Mrs. Seilliard, the Lord's footman going along with them; at his coming away the two Jacksons, Mr. Parey, two of the Palmers, and one Mr. Stapleton, and Mr. Townley, all young students were absent out of the colledg. He likewise declares that the end of his being sent into England was to proove Mr. Otes his being at St. Omers from Christmas was twelve month to the middle of June next following. Some of the forementioned absent persons this examinant believes might be come over for the same designe and end with himself. Being examined whither he heard anything of the King's being dead, he declares that about three years agoe he heard such a rumour, but never since. And further this Examinant saith not."

[*Endorsed*] "from Sir W. Waller."

1679, April 28.—"The examination of Christopher Towneley truely called Christopher Madgworth, *alias* Sands, son of Hughe Madgworth of Preston in Lancashire, taken this 28th day of Aprill 1679 before us Sir William Waller, Barronett, and Edmond Warrupp Esqr., two of his Majestie's Justices of the Peace in the said County and City.

"This examinant saith that he hath knowne Doctor Oates ever since the month of December stylo novo 1677, and hee then sawe him at St. Omers in Flanders where this examinant was a student, and that Mr. Oates then stayed till June 1678 following as hee believes, but hee cannot say but that the said Mr. Oates might bee absent from St. Omers in that time for severall daies, and at severall times, but not absent above one week at a time, this examinant being lodged in the colledge where Mr. Oates was, but did not see him daily: and he further saith that hee changed his name soe often becaus he would not bring his friends

into trouble. And he further saith that he was comanded by Thomas Stapylton, Superiour of the colledge, to come over to England on purpose to be a witnesse for the Lords in the Tower, being allowed three pounds by his Superiour for his charges as is usuall, and since his arrivall which was on Sunday was a fortnight he hath been maintained by the Lords in the Tower. And he saith that hee hath about 30 pound per annum settled by his father upon him upon an estate in Preston, which his brother who is turned Protestant now keepes from him, he confesseth he hath been sixe yeares at St. Omers but is not yet in Orders, and there studyeth humanity; hee further saith Mr. Parry, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Stapylton, the two Jacksons, and Henry Palmer, and Charles Gifford, now prisoners with him, were all absent from the colledge and believeth that all those come to bee evidence for the Lords in the Tower, and he saith that his instructions from the Superiour was to come over and sweare that Mr. Oates was but once from the colledge at St. Omers from December 1677 to June following, and that it was in the month of June only, and he further saith that hee is to bee a witnes for the Lords, and for all others in the Tower, as he believes, and that by being a student only hee could not know what plott was carrying on by the Jesuits here in England, but there might be a plott and hee not know it; and hee saith that the rumour of the country was that the King was killed but how hee was killed he did not know, and was usually reported once a year since this examinant hath been there that the King of England was killed: and he further saith that hee was directed by the Lord Castlemaine to lodge at Mrs. Seliere's house a midwife in Arundell Streete, and hee saith that the Lord Castlemaine defrayes all their charges; and hee saith that the Lords in the Tower have the Superiour's order to this examinant to come into England upon this occasion: and he further saith that Mr. Oates went by the name of Samson Lucy when he was at St. Omers. And further sayeth not."

CHRIS. TOWNELEY *alias* Wadworth *alias* Sands."

[*Endorsed*] "from Sir W. Waller."

1679, May 6. Suffolk.—"The information of John Byford of Stoke next Clare in the said county, laborer, taken upon oath before Sir Gervas Elwes Bart. and Thomas Golding Esqre. twoe of his Majestie's justices of the peace for the said County the sixth day of May in the one and thirtieth yeare of his Majesties raigne A.D. 1679.

"This informant saith that being at the house of William Lord Petree, at Thornton near Hearn Gate in the County of Essex aboute a fortnight or three weekes after Midsummer last was twelve month, upon the account of killing and destroying the ratts in the house and out houses of the said Lord Petree, being the imployment of him the said informant, the park keeper goeing into the park of the said Lord Petree about eleaven of the clock in the night, asked this informant to goe with him which this informant consented to and being in the said parke he this informant perceived at some distance from him flashing of fire like lightning whereupon this informant bid the keeper take notice of it. But the keeper not minding what he saide the informant told the keeper that hee would goe nearer to see what it might be, for he could not think it to be lightning there being then noe clouds in the skie it being a very starr light night. But the keeper seemed very unwilling he should goe that way. However he this informant went through a thickett of trees within tenn or eleaven rood of a valey or bottom from whence he had perceived the said flashing of fire and there he sawe perfectly a number of men on horse back

about three or four score as neare as he could guesse wheeling and tacking aboute and often fireing at each other, which he perceived by flashing in the pan without shooting but whether with pistolls or carabines he knowes not. Soone after he this informant returned to the keeper whoe asked him what he had seen, whereupon the informant told him all the particulars above mentioned to which the said keeper made noe answer, soe the keeper and he this informant returned to the house of the said Lord Petree and went to bed, and the next morneing he this informant came away and callinge at a house in Chelmsford that sold beere told some persons whoe were drinking in the said house what he had seene they the said persons whoe were all unknowne to this informant made a pish at it and told him this informant that such musterings had beene often seene there and that it was noe newes, and this informant further saith that meeting one Cox whoe had beene faulconer to the said Lord Petree about five or six weekes agoe, he this informant speakeing of this matter to the said Cox he the said Cox drew out his knife and threatened to stab him and called him lyeing knave and roage for speaking such words.

Sworne before us the day
and year aforesaid. John Byford.
Ger: Elwes.
T: Golding."

[*Endorsed*] "from Mr. Titus."

1679, May 7.—"The information of Matthew Claye of Desborrowe in the County of Northampton taken this 7th of May 1679 before mee Edmund Warcupp Esq. one of his Majesties Justices of the Peace in the said County and Citty.

"This informant saith, that he lodged in Mr. Blaesdon's house an Apothecary in Arundell Streete, and hath known him for about two years, and the last spring the said Mr. Blaesdon coming to Mr. Charles Howard's in Ducken Streete in Arundell buildings, Mr. Howard . . . . the informant to him . . . dg there. And this informant . . . that he never knewe Mr. Jolly a . . lour in Drury Lane or his wife or to his knowledge ever was in the said Jolly's house, or left any trunks or goods, but saith that possibly a brother of this informant by name Danyell Clay might know the said Jolly, because hee belonged to the Spanish house, which brother went beyond sea about foure months since, and is at Paris as this informant beleives; and this informant further saith, that the trunks and clothes therein, and a hatt and hatrase and some small lynnen and twenty pounds in mony sealed up in a bagge, which were found in Mr. Blasedon's house when this informant was taken, are his owne proper goods; and that the plate and loose monyes and the books and other things in the clossett, belong to Mr. Blaesdon, to whom this Informant desires they may bee restored. And this informant further saith that hee knew the Jesuits to bee of corrupt principles and that he therefore cared not for them. And that hee knewe Mr. Oates at the said Mr. Charles Howard's house, and hath heard Mr. Howard often to dissuade Mr. Oates from becomeing a Jesuite, however this informant beleives that Mr. Oates went to St. Omers a little before the last spring, and stayed some time among the Jesuits there, and returned again, and was here in the months of April and May 1678, and this informant sawe him in both those months in the said house of Mr. Charles Howard in Ducken Streete, and this informant further saith that Mr. Charles Howard in the month of June last past turned the said Mr. Oates from the Jesuits, and put him upon some

other employment. And this informant further saith that Mr. Oates then told this informant that hee lodged in Cockpitt Alley; and further sayeth not."

Matth: Clay.

[*Endorsed*] "from Sir J. Trevor."

### Matthew Clay's Examination.

1679, May 8.—"Knew Mr. Otes the last spring and not before. Saw him at Mr. Howard's in travailler's cloaths. Then Mr. Charles Howard said there is a gentleman would be a Jesuite, but I have turned him off from that.

"He saw him there 2 or 3 times, but he said he was sure he saw him the first time in April."

### Two Informations of W. Osborne, relating to the Earl of Danby.

One paper containing several Memorials of W. Osborne and J. Lane's relating to the Queen.

One information of J. Lane's concerning an attempt to commit an unnatural offence made on him by Mr. Oates.

### Miles Prance.

1679, January 11.—W. Lloyd's report.

„ January 13.—Examination.

„ March 19.—Examination, pp.1–10, printed, *State Trials*, VII. p. 1231; pp. 11–13 not printed.

„ March 22.—Information, printed, *State Trials*, VII., p. 1233.

And Informations against Thomas Sutton and Richard Tesborow.

### W. Lloyd's Report.

1678–9, January 11.—"This evening I was at Newgate to visit Miles Prance as I had done twice before by order of the Lords in Counsell. I found him in one of his melancholy fits. He was near half an houre coming out of it before he knew me and after that he grew very sensible and spoke everything with good coherence. When he was well come to himself Capt. Richardson askt him concerning the names and habitations of those 4 persons that spoke of killing the Earl of Shaftsbury. He gave him the account that was desired, and said they spoke of killing 2 or 3 other Lords, but he remembered none of them but the Earl of Shaftsbury. When Captain Richardson was gone he told me he had something to impart which he desired that I would make knowne to his Majesty as soon as . . . and it was, that since the 5 Lords were sent to the Tower, as he was standing at the shop of one Mr. Boys near Ludgate there came to him one whom he familiarly knows tho he could not now hit on his name. It is one that was formerly servant to Mr. Sheldon the Almoner, and is now butler to the Lord Arundel of Wardour. This man fell into discours with him and hearing him complain how ill the times were for poor Catholics told him it would shortly be otherwise, and when he enquired how? told him that Mr. Messenger (a servant of my Lord Arundel's) had undertaken to kill the King. I desired Mr. Prance to tell me all that the butler had said of that matter, he told me it was to this effect. That the butler being in the room with that Messenger and another, heard them speak of delivering the . . . . . of prison, and that Messenger said the only way to do it was by putting all in distraction. (This Prance repeted severall times) and to do that he said I will kill the King as soon as I can get opportunity to do it.

"Prance also told me that the butler told him that Messenger was to have a great reward for it if he lived and it would turn to his if he died in the action.

"I askt Prance whether he beleeved this of Messenger. He told me he did for he heard Messenger say some while since at Bradley's house at the 5 Cans neer the Turnstile in Holborn that the Catholic religion would be set up shortly all over England, and when one said that it would never be done by this King for he is of a contrary religion, Messenger said he will make him turn.

"Among them that were to kill the Earl of Shaftsbury he had named one Benedict Prosser a silversmith. Now he told me that Prosser was intimate with Messenger, and that Prosser had told the said Prance that if there should be an army he hoped to have an ensign's . . . under my Lord Arundell."

"Of all these things he offered to make . . . . "

## Examination of Miles Prance.

1678–9, January 13.—"Examination of Mr. Prance before Secretary Coventry upon oath January 13, 1678.

This examinant saythe

"Kelly and Greeme Fitzgerald and others had before designed the death of Sir Edmundbury Godfrey. That night they did it they sent to call him to them.

"Being asked who were the designers hee seyd Vernatt, and Fitzgerald, and another, whose name hee knoweth not.

"Being asked why they chose such a place hee seyd they were resolved to have done it in any reasonable place, nay in the lane going downe to his owne house.

"The seyd examinant avereth that hee and Maddison and Staley were at the Crosse Keys in Covent Garden, and Maddison seyd to Staley that the Earle of Shasbury was a greate persecutor of the Papists and hee deserved to dye as soone as any man, and that hee and 2 or 3 more Lords, whose names he knoweth not, should die as soone as they could find convenience to dispose of them.

"The seyd examinant seyth that Adamson seyd (Messenger and others being in the company) at the seyd tavern that my Lord Shasbury having beene fierce in prosecuting the Papists he thought it was no crime to kill him, and another time Mr. Bradshaw at this examinant's shopp seyd they thought it no more sinne to kill a Protestant then to kill a dogg, nor did he thinke it a sinne to kill any man that hinders the Papists in theyre religion.

"The seyd examinant seyth that Bradshaw and Maddison always carryed pistolls in theyre pocketts.

"The seyd examinant seyth that Mr. Prosser seyd that hee hoped the Catholique religion would soone reigne, and that whosoever was against it did not deserve to live, and named the Earle of Shasbury, Duke of Buckingham, and others.

"This examinant sayeth that one Gascoyne, a Frenchman and a taylor in Russell Streete, seyd hee wondered his Majestie would suffer the Catholiques to bee . . . . for it was no more to do the King an iniury then another man, and if it were in France he would have been kild long since and this hee heard him say twice.

"Taken upon oath before me Miles Prance."
Henry Coventry."

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1678–9, March 19.—"The examination of Miles Prance, Silversmith, taken upon oath the 19th day of March 1678–9, before the Marquesse of Winchester one of his Majestie's Justices of Peace for the said County and Liberty.

"This examinant saith that he and Mr. Maddison, a barber in Holbourne, and Mr. Staley, were drinking at the Crosse Keys Taverne over against Staley's house about a forthnight before the said Staley was taken, where complaining of the great persecution that the Papists lay under, and that if they did not take some speedy course to destroy their enemies they should be ruined, the said Staley and Maddison resolved to kill the Earl of Shaftesbury as the ringleader of the mischeife that they feared would fall upon them, Mattison saying that he would engage three, viz. Adamson a watchmaker, Prosser a silversmith, and Bradshaw an upholsterer, and the said Mattison comeing afterwards to the deponent's shop showed the deponent a pistoll he had prepared for that purpose. This deponent further saith that meeting with Adamson at Patties at the White Post in Vere Streete, and discoursing of newes, Adamson said that they should all be undone if they did not looke about them, therefore they were resolved to kill the Lord Shaftesbury, he alsoe speaking the same thing to the deponent at the Gridiron in Holbourne. This deponent likewise saith that Prosser told him that he was undone and he intended to kill the Lord Shaftesbury, for he with others of the Lords intended to undoe the Lord Arundell who was his very good customer, the said Prosser telling the deponent at another time that he was to be an ensigne under the Lord of Arundell. This deponent alsoe saith that Bradshaw in discourse with him said that he would make noe more to kill a Protestant than to kill a dog or a catt, and that he was resolved to kill some of the busy Lords, but the first should be the Lord Shaftesbury and the said Prosser showed the deponent a pistoll at the same time.

"This deponent further saith that he the deponent, Mr. Messinger, and Prosser, and Mattison, were at Bradley's in Holbourne about five weekes before Staley was taken, and the said Messinger much complaining of the severity of the lawes that were against the Papists, and much fearing that they would be putt in execution against them by some that were noe lovers of them, and particularly the Lord Shaftesbury, who did most buisy himselfe about them, said that there must bee a speedy course taken to prevent it; and this deponent saith that some time after this the said Prosser told him that the said Messinger was the person that promoted the killing of the Lord Shaftesbury.

"The deponent further saith that Mr. Goscene told him both in Covent Garden and in the deponent's shop that the King and Parliament would undoe them, and if he were to kill a man he would kill the King as soon as any man, and if he had him in France he would have killed him before this. This deponent further saith that about 6 months since he heard Mr. Mathews, the Lord Petre's priest, say that his Lord and the Lord Bellasis with some other Lords, would have a good army, and that he hoped the Catholicks' religion would be settled in England. This deponent further saith that about a year since he heard Mr. Singleton a priest say in the presence of Mr. Hall that he hoped he should be settled in a Parish Church before a twelvemonth, and that he did not feare but that the Catholick religion would raigne in England, and that he would not make any more matter in stabing 10 Parliament men than to eate his dinner. The deponent saith that he hath alsoe heard Mr. Byfleet and Dr. Guilding say severall times that they have turned diverse people from the Protestant religion to the Catholicke religion, and they hoped they should have many more.

The deponent alsoe beleives that the said Hall knows where the said Singleton, Byfleet, and Guilding are, for that they used to be alwayes at Hall's house, and the said Hall alwayes received the money for the said Singleton which was to be distributed for masses for the dead. This deponent further saith that Mr. Groves told him that this was no plott but a plott of the Protestants owne making, and when his uncle was condemned, he said that they were all rogues that swore against him, the deponent then asking him what he thought of the 50,000 men which he knew were to be raised, the said Groves replyed that might be in jest. The deponent further saith that Mr. Ridley, a chirurgion at the Lord Baltimore's house in Wilde Streete, told him severall times that he hoped to be chirurgion to the Catholicke army in England, and that the Lord Bellasis would much stand his friend in the concerne. This deponent further saith that the Lord Arundell of Wardour's butler told him that Mr. Messenger was to kill the King, and that he was to have a good reward if he saved his life, and if he were killed the said reward should be distributed amongst such friends as he should appoint, by the Lord Arundell, the Earl Powis, and the rest of the Lords that were in the same plott. The deponent further saith that meeting with Mr Messenger after that he asked the said Messenger why he would kill the King, the said Messenger answered who told you of it? The deponent [said the] butler told me, the said Messenger replyed, we are off that thing now, therefore desired me not to speake of it to any body. Afterwards the said butler came to the deponent's shop and told the deponent that he had received great anger in that he had told the deponent of what Messenger was to attempt. This deponent further saith that somewhat above halfe a yeare since he heard Mr. Wolston Paston say that young Sir Henry Bedingfeild, of Oxburrough Hall in Norfolke, was to have a commission from my Lord Arundell for a troupe of horse in the army to be raised by the Papists.

[*Signed*] MILES PRANCE."

[*Another copy of Prance's information continues—*]

butler came to my shopp and told me that hee received greate anger in telling me what Messenger was to attempt.

Mr. Lafeare a priest came to my shopp to buy a second hand silver hilt for a sword. I asked him what hee would doe with it for hee had a sword already; hee then said that hee knew not what tymes wee should have therefore hee would gett him a good sword with such a hilt to it.

"I mett Mr. Moore that belongs to the Duke of Norfolke rideing in the streete on a very fine horse, a little while afterwards I mett him in the lower courte at Somersett howse and speaking of that brave horse Moore wished that he had tenne thousand of them, and hoped that in a short tyme they might have them and men well armed for the Catholick cause.

"I came to the chamber of Mr. Ireland in Russell Streete some tyme before Michaelmas last, Mr. Fenwicke and Mr. Grove being there present, the said Ireland did declare that there would bee fifty thousand men in armes, I asked where they would bee had, and what to doe, Ireland said wee must have them in a short tyme to settle religion or else all would be ruined, I asked who should command them, Fenwicke made answer that they should be commanded by the Lord Arundell, Lord Bellasis, and Lord Powis, I asked him what poore tradesmen should then doe. Fenwicke replyed you need not feare trade, you would have church work enough. Soone after Mr. Groves came to my shopp

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to buy two silver spoones for a christening, where he was to bee godfather. I asked him what office hee should have in the army, hee answered hee did not know. I asked him who was to governe this army, Groves said Lord Powis, Lord Bellasis, Lord Petres, and Lord Arundell, who had commissions."

INFORMATION of MILES PRANCE.

[1679], March 22.—"In the month of August 1678 I having occasion to write to a friend in the country, but not knowing how to send I went to Mr. Paston who lodged at one Bamber's a taylor in Duke Streete, who gave me an account where to send to him, and wee immediately fell into discourse concerning the present posture of affaires, and hee bid me not feare for wee should suddainly have better times, for in the first place hee said that the King was a greate heretick, and that the Lord Bellasis and Lord Arundell and Lord Powis and Lord Petres would have a very good army for the disposing of the King and the suppression of all the hereticks, and then the Catholick religion should bee established and flourish in this nation, hee alsoe said that the above named Lords had given out commissions allready to some gentlemen in the country whome hee named to me, that was, to one Mr. Talbott of Longford, and to Sir Henry Bennifeild of Oxborough hall in Norfolke, and one Mr. Stoner, who lives within foure or five miles of Kingston upon Thames.

"Also about two yeares agoe one Towneley of Towneley in Lancashire came up to London with his two sonnes, which he was carrying over to Doway, hee alsoe brought along with him his two brothers to keepe him company, and they tooke lodgings at one Ayry's howse in Drury Lane, where Fenwick lodged, and in a short tyme two of them went over to Doway with the two ladds, and left the other here, who in the absence of his brothers declared very often to my wive's brothers and to Adamson, that when his brothers came backe again from Doway, they expected commissions from the above named Lords for the raising of men to carry on the Catholick cause. This my brother and Adamson often told me at Pedley's in Vere Streete where wee had a clubb very often of none but Papisst.

MILES PRANCE."

"Alsoe about the same tyme that the fowre Lords were in the Tower, that is the Duke of Buckingham, the Lord Shaftesbury, and the Lord Wharton, and the Lord Salisbury, that one Mr. Kightly came to me, and greately rejoycing at their imprisonment said that now is the tyme for the promoting of the Catholick religion, because of the difference that was amongst the Lords, and that if the Duke of Yorke did but follow the business closely, which the Catholicks had grounds to believe hee would, then they did not doubt but that it would bee settled at that present juncture of time."

(*Signed*) MILES PRANCE.

INFORMATION against THOMAS SUTTON.

N.D.—"Joel Monkesley deposes that the said T. Sutton brought to him a week before last Whitsun week two papers, one entitled "*A Short History of the Convention or new christened Parliament;*" the other "*A Letter to a member of the Committee of Grievances.*" The last he left and it was carried first to the Lord Mayor, and then to Mr. Wynn, Secretary of State. The other paper he carried away with him, but he told the said J. Monkesley that he saw the author of it that same night, and that he was not a Papist.

"He also deposes that the said T. Sutton had said to him on May 31st last that King James would soon be upon the throne. He also at the same time showed him a written paper relating to the actions of Dundee in Scotland. Thomas Pultey deposes that on Friday, May 31, the said T. Sutton brought him two papers, one written, the other printed. The former came from the Duke of Gordon's secretary, the latter he believes was the same as the "*Letter to a Member of the Committee of Grievances.*"

The said Sutton a little after his arrest told the said *J.* Monkesley that he had found the paper entitled "*A Short History &c.*" in the street, though before the Lord Mayor he denied that he had ever shown it to the said J. Monkesley. Since then he has confessed to the said J. Monkesley and to one James Cheney, that he had received the said paper in a letter from an unknown hand."

The Examination of Randal Jones of Shrewsbury, blacksmith, living in Smadale.

1679, May 28.—"He remembers that about a year and a half since he saw a laden waggon standing by his door, and on looking into it he saw musketts, and other shorter arms, and some trunks and baskets. The waggoner told him that he was taking these things to Lord Powis at Red Castle.

"He did not take notice of the exact quantity but remembers that there were several bundles with about twelve muskets in each."

The Information of Thomas Riches of Theergaton, Norfolk, husbandman, taken before William Windham, Esq. of Felbrigg.

1679, May 14.—"Deposes that he was in the service of Richard Tesborow of Flixton for a year from Michaelmas 1674, during which he contracted a great intimacy with W. Hownsam the park keeper.

"One night in May, 1675, they went abroad a drinking, and on their way home he asked W. Hownsam if the story that his master had arms underground was true. He said yes, and one day when the master and mistress were walking in the park, and the coast was clear, they went together into the small beer cellar. There they took up two or three pavements and found an iron grating, and some steps into a vault, about 16 feet square, where there were arms and armour enough to furnish 80 men.

"T. Riches further saith that about the month of June, in 1675, he one day saw Mr. Peregrine, brother to Mr. Richard, Tesborow kneeling upon the grass at the back of the house. The said T. Riches, being curious, went afterwards to the place and there found a stick in the ground standing up about one inch, and near at hand the flags were loose. He took up some of them and found a board and under it a brick vault, but it was so dark he could not see what there was within.

"He also saith that about the same time he overheard Mrs. Tesborow say to her maid servants that she hoped ere long to wash her hands in Protestant blood.

[*Signed*] W. Windham.
Thomas Riches, his mark.
Dennis Hunton, his mark."

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Royal Warrants.

Twenty five royal warrants all signed William R. addressed to the Attorney General ordering him to prepare Bills, Patents, and for Inventions, Pardons, &c. Amongst these there is the appointment of

MSS. OF SIR W. FITZHERBERT.

Sir William Phipps to be Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of Massachusetts Bay in New England, with definition of his authority and powers. The appointment of Sir Edmund Andros to be Lieutenant and Governor General of Virginia. The appointment of Dr. Sherlock to the Temple. A warrant for Commission for the Convocation, November 26, 1689. One for the ratification of the Articles of Limerick, and one for ratifying the capitulation of Galway. And an order dated January 9, 1689, for a general Pardon to persons convicted of High Treason in 1685, and ordered to be transported to the West Indies. The list contains 867 names.

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## THE REBELLION IN 1745.

### H. CHALLONER to ————

1745, September 22. Morpeth.—"By certain advices this morning (by Mr Lodington who we sent to Berwick for intelligence & by an express to Sr Harry Liddel) our army commanded by Sr Jno Cope was quite routed yesterday morning near Preston panns, where Sr Jno Cope & some more fled & got off in a boat, & Brigadier ffawke & Lascells got to Berwick; they engag'd about six yesterday morning, & the Highlanders fired in platoons a few fires, then rush'd upon our people sword in hand, which struck 'em with such a pannick that they all fled in less than half an hour. Some of the Dragoons 'tis suppos'd would fly to Berwick. This moment an express is arriv'd & the Boy says they hear they are pursuing our remains to Berwick. The Highlanders were suppos'd about six thousand, & Sr Jno about four thousand with the irregulars. No account certain of the Dutch, this is all we can hear att present, we are all in the utmost consternation here as the rebels may be with us in a short time."

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1745, October 14. Morpeth.—"The rebels are yet in their camp near Edinburg, they have ordered a number of horses to be in readiness for them at Dalkeith (the Duke of Buccleugh's) at an hour's warning. There seems to be a great bustle in their camp as if they intended a march very soon, but which way their rout is intended they are cunning enough to keep a secret. They have gutted the Earl of Stair's house and plundered all his tenants, not leaving them either cow, sheep, or horse; they have ordered all their out parties in, who were collecting contributions and committing outrages for 20 miles round their camp and upwards, some say parties of them have been as far as Kelsoe and Jedburgh. We now are not so much afraid of a visit from them in this part as heretofore, as we are now certain that a camp of considerable force is formed or forming at Doncaster, which we hope will soon march this way to our protection, we likewise expect a body of forces to land at Sheilds daily, a flyboat came in last Fryday with baggage, &c. convoyed by a man of war, and the saylors judge the transports can't be far off. By the best calculation we can get the rebels are about 11000 strong, and by robbing the gentlemen farmers round the country they have got together about 2400 horses, and if you'll believe the Caledonian Mercury they are encreasing very fast numbers being added to 'em daily.

"According to Brigadier Fowke's letter, the rebels were expected to begin their march as last Tuesday."

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1745, November 4. Morpeth.—"This day 7 night came in here the Royal Yorkshire hunters, commanded by General Oglethorpe, with Captain Gowland at the head of them, on their march against the rebels, who made a fine appearance and do an honour to their King and country. Yesterday in the afternoon Marshal Wade and General Huske arrived here from Newcastle with a party of troopers, several carriages of baggage, and about 100 foot belonging to the royal regiment of Yorkshire hunters, headed by Mr. Thornton who raised 'em at his own expence, and are to join the army. The above generals, etc. returned to the camp at Newcastle to-day upon account of the following express, the whole army was expected here to-day, and we are to encamp on Cottingwood. This morning we received an express from Kelsoe that on Fryday last at 8 o'clock in the evening, the rebels' army to the number of 5000 marched from Lesswade nigh to Dalkeith. On Saturday another body marched from Dalkeith at 9 in the morning with the Pretender at their head, and yesterday at 9 o'clock (says the writer) I being near Gingle Kirk, saw another body of the rebels consisting of about 1000, march to Lawder 10 miles from Kelsoe, this last body are said to be for Kelsoe last night or this morning, so for Jedburgh, and then to join the main body who are said to march by Howgate, Mantly, Peebles, Drumalier, Beal, Locharby, Greeta Green, Carlisle etc. Wee fear they will harrass our forces most desperately, unless we had another army in the west to drive them to a hold—nothing material since my last till now.

"The 7 regiments of foot from Williamstadt landed in the river last Monday night."

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1745, November 10, 12 att noon. Carlisle.—"The rebels are gott through Esk, and crossed Eden att a place called Peathwash, and have taken up their quarters att Greendale, two miles from hence, where they are encamped, and we expect every hour they will attack us. We are in great spirits and resolved to give them a warm reception, we have taken a spy since the above was wrote. The messenger says that when he came away the cannon began to play and continued to do so till he got to Penrith.

"Carlisle, Novr. 10th, 10 att night.—The rebells finding they could not carry our towne are moving up the river and its expect'd they will pass over four miles east of us.

"Newcastle, Novr. 12th.—The artillery marched southward today and the army receiv'd orders to march tomorrow. When the artillery had march'd four miles southward they receiv'd orders to stop and the orders to the army are countermanded.

"Copy of a letter from Marshall Wade to the Mayor and Gentlemen of Lancaster, dated Newcastle, Nov. the 6th 1745.

"I have just now receiv'd the favour of your letter of Novr. 5th with the enclosed intelligence from Dumfries for which am very much obliged to you all, tho' I had receiv'd the same word for word from Carlisle. I never doubted your showing the commendable zeal, which you have done on this occasion. I think you have acted very prudently in the resolution you have taken to ship off the guns and other warlike stores should the rebells approach you, for if their main body should venture to march into Lancashire it will be impossible in your present situation to repell their force, but if they by quick marches should enter your county I propose to march to your relief, by the first way that is

possible for the artillery to pass, which they tell me is from some part of Yorkshire. All the advice I can give, is, if you have any forces, as most of the counties have, to make use of them by dividing into small parties, who may fire from every hedge, to keep the rebells from separating from their main body to pillage and plunder, which I think will embarrass them more than any other method that can be expected from the county regiments, and it is my humble opinion that the further the rebells penetrate into England the more certain will be their distraction, tho' particulars may suffer by their bold attempt."

Copy of the Pretender's Summons to the Mayor of Carlisle.

"C. P. of W. R. of the Kingdom of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, and of the dominions thereunto belonging.

Being come from our father to recover just right with full authority we are sorry to find you should prepare to obstruct our passage. We therefore to avoid the effusion of English blood doe hereby require you to open your gates, and let us enter as we desire in a peaceable manner, which if you do we shall take care to preserve you from any insult and sett an example to all England of the exactness with which we intend to fulfil the King our father's declaration and our own. But if you shall refuse us entrance, we are fully resolved to force it by such measures as Providence has put into our hands and then perhaps it will not be in our power to prevent the dreadfull consequences which usually attend places taken by assault. You may consider seriously of this and return an answer in two hours for your delay we shall take for a peremptory refusal and shall take those methods that are likely to succeed."

J. Lister to Ralph Knight.

"The following is copy of a letter I have just received from Sir J. Ramsden.

Byram November 22, 1745.

"Lord Lonsdale has this morning received an express with the following account of the rebels.

Penrith November 20, 1745.

"Copy of a letter from Mr. Cooper to the Postmaster of Brough.

"The Highlanders have been coming in here ever since 4 in the afternoon to nine, some houses have 100 a piece. The whole body we have good reason to believe is moving southwards, we have about 3,000 in town, what in the neighbourhood we cannot yet judge. Tomorrow is to bring us several thousands more. I have been twice called upon before the Commissaries &c. for the Post Office accounts here. They talk high but I have agreed to wait upon their Principal or even their Prince himself before I can settle. Express to Mr. Wade went at seven this morning. Mr. Wade was at Hexam yesterday. The advanced guard at Hayton Bridge; the Chevalier's van guard gone to Ld. Lonsdale's and adjacent places at two this afternoon. Rout Lancashire.

Penrith 12 at night.

J. R.

You'll see by this account that there has been no foundation for the report which was current all here-abouts yesterday of the rebels being expected at York tonight which I congratulate you upon.

J. Lister."

Blyth 5 o'clock.

Robert Wilmot to ———

Mansfield. Fryday 2 o'clock.

"Our advice from Darby just arrived is that the highland army artillere had set out 9 this morning with great presipiation for Ashburn having received advice of an opposition by the Duke's army at Swarston Bridg in their way to Loughborough."

John Page to ———

"The rebels are setting out of Darby at two o'clock but which way we know not but have just now sent out men to know, we are afraid now they will pay us a visit one hour more will make us [easy] either one way or other by putting us out of our state of uncertainty.

4 o'clock.

"They are gone from Swarsonbridge where they took a horse from a carrier, his shoes and a shilling. The officer gave the man his money again and paid for his shoes but kept his horse."

Robert Bates to Dickenson Knight.

"Mansfield Woodhouse. Friday morning, 6 o'clock.—I hope all is easy here. The Highland army did not stir out of Darby yesterday. I had two expresses from Mr. Wilmot importing the same. The Duke of Cumberland is within 3 or 4 hours march of it, and is determined to fight, if possible, upon their first motion.

"Worksop. Friday, past 10 morning.—Yester night I had a line from Doctor Hickman which say Mr. Coomp's brother-in-law see an expres from Dover that Admiral Rowley had destroyed the Toulon fleet. I shewed his Grace of Devonshire that part of my letter which he did not seem to credit."

John Whitaker to the Same.

1745, December 2. "Monday night.—My business last Sunday was to watch the motion of the rebels. Stockport Bridge being broke down obliged them to cross a ford near Cheedle, which took them near to the middle in water, with as much eagerness as a dog after a duck but with less concern ; when come out again they walked at a prodigious rate, they came by about 9 o'clock in the morning and continued till four in the afternoon. I could not find out by any means where they intended to lodge that night. I this morning went out at four for Macclesfield where I found most of them if not all. Severall marched all night, they are got very close together and keep so which looks as if they expected an engagement, which is thought will be in 48 hours. They are in very high spirits and want to meet Ligonier. I left Macclesfield at 2 this afternoon, they have been marching all night, the Pretender I left in town where I left all the artillery which consisted of 14 pieces of cannon and a very few mortar pieces. There were severall Manchester gentlemen that joined the rebels, who informed me that 20,000 French were actually landed in England, which account came to the Pretender this morning (not to be credited) they are full of money, they give out they are 20,000 and one fifth more which follows them. I dare say all their army was in Macclesfield today. I could not learn whether the Pretender was to move this day, those that went march'd for Congleton. They are determined to make the best of their way to London. I imagine they will be stopt very soon.

"From Sheffield. Tuesday morning. Came into Worksopp about 8 o'clock at night.

MSS. of Sir W. Fitzherbert.

"Warslaw 5 miles from Leek. 12 o'clock Tuesday.

The whole body of the Highland army lay last night at Macclesfield and all entered Leek this morning at nine, how much farther they go don't yet know, they were yesterday pushing for Wales, but took this sudden turn, as I guess to avoid the Duke of Cumberland's army. I expect they will march for Ashbourn and Darby, but hope the army will be able to give 'em battle soon. I can't know how the army lies because they are between the army and me. I wait here for return of spies sent to Leek. I don't think they will come our way but advise that people be sent towards Derby for intelligence. Keep things pack't up but don't move till you hear from me again.

W. Cartwright."

"P.S.—Advice from Leek. The Duke of Cumberland sent 16 men to Leek, to order the people to get their effects and send him an express on their approach and he would attack him there. People now who are in this house who have seen them at Macclesfield say they seem lame with their march and cramble much. Fresh advice from Leek. They are marching full drive for Ashborn ; no baggage comes up. This looks well. Now for £30000. Blue Bonnet.

"Wednesday morning 9 o'clock. Mansfield.—Just now advice came that the rebels entered Ashbourn yesterday at 3 o'clock.

"The above are the freshest advices we have."

The Same to the Same.

Thursday. Past Noon.

"The rebells were the last night at Derby, Ashborne, and Wirksworth. It's thought their route is southward by Nottingham or Loughborough. I don't hear where the Duke of Cumberland is. The Duke of Devonshire and 800 men are at Mansfield, got thither last night about 6 o'clock, they lay at Derby but had orders to march from thence yesterday morning one o'clock to Nottingham, and as soon as they had well reach't it they had farther orders to march to Mansfield. It's said the rebels have surprised and taken prisoners 11 Light horse belonging his Grace of Kingston, one of which is an officer and seven Light horse belonging his Grace of Cumberland, that the men have their hands tied behind them and are obliged to march with the rebels. No certain news of Marshall Wade, an express went to him yesterday and one returned this morning, but where he is is a secret.

R. Knight to ———

Chesterfield. Wednesday eleven o'clock.

"By express from the Duke of Devonshire from Derby the van guard of the Rebels came into Ashbourne about 2 yesterday and was expected at Derby last night when the messenger came away my Lord's horses were ready for him to move and all the men drawn out ready to march.

"They gave out a day or two since they were for London. Their getting betwixt us here and the King's army has prevented me in my intention of going to it from hence.

"It's supposed the King's army was'nt above eight or ten miles from em."

The Same to ———

Mansfield, eleven o'clock Fryday Decb.

"We were much alarmed here last night with a report of the rebels being within a few miles of this place. The Derbyshire forces left us in no small hurry and confusion which contributed a good deal to

encrease the allarm. We sent our horses to Warsop that they might be out of danger at all events and were resolved ourselves to wait the event. The rebels sending out of Derby to press for horses in some places there abouts was all the foundation there was for the report. By a person from Derby going to the Duke of Devonshire we hear the rebels were at Derby at two o'clock this morning but seem'd preparing in order to march, it was supposed towards Leicester. They were in possession of Swarson bridge on the Trent and that part of the Duke's army was not far off them. Other reports say that the greatest part were supposed to be at or near Lichfield."

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"1745, December 4. Blith.—A spy left Macclesfield at 2 of clock in the afternone yesterday, says that part of the rebels marched for Congelton on Munday night, the main body followed yesterday morning, going to meet Ligoneur army near Newcastel-under-line. He saith that there was not above 3000 well-armed, the others with rusty guns and a brace of pistell each man, the boys pitchforks, while a great many rode horses; the battell will probably be fought tomorrow."

John Holland to Ralph Knight.

Chesterfield, Saturday 2 o'clock.—"We have been alarmed here from the Duke of Devonshire's servant reporting as he passed here about seven in the morning from Chatsworth to the Duke, that the Highlanders were marching at one this morning, part Chesterfield road, the other Bakewell. Sent out immediately four persons different roads. Two of them are arrived and brings us certain accounts that they marched at one o'clock this morning from Ashburn towards Leek and continued marching till seven, when the artillery moved and were seen three miles on Leek road. So this proves a false alarm. By accounts I received from Derby this afternoon a small party of Highlanders returned to Derby last night and were there at 8 this morning when the messenger came away. We are advised here as a certainty, that Marshal Wade and 8000 forces were at Doncaster last night, and the Royal Hunters at Blyth. Do not hear where Ligonier is."

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Sunday night.—"By an express to-day to the Dutchess of Devonshire the rebels left Leek at 3 o'clock yesterday morning, on their way to Macclesfeild, one that has been with 'em six days says they are not above 4000 fighting men, & those much dispirited & tir'd with marching—the Duke of Cumberland lies at Derby to-night w^th^ 5000 men—the Duke of Devonshire set out to-day from Retford with his men, to join the Duke's army."

John Billam to ——.

1745, December 7. Sandbeck.—"I have been this day at Doncaster to waite upon Marshal Wade with my Lord's complements etc. who come there last night, together with Generall Wentworth, Generall Oglethorp etc., the Marshall had two expresses last night giveing him an account that the rebels was returned back into Lancastershire upon which he sent to the foot, who are at Ferry Bridge to halt, until further orders; all the horse are at Doncaster, except what went to Bautry yesterday; it's expected the whole army returns into the north againe for they were contracting with carriages to goe with them. I hope you continue to favour me with what news you hear, which will further oblige."

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1745, December 8. Chesterfield.—"I have had no news in my private letters since I saw you; but what all or most of it is in the Gazette or publick papers, or would have sent it to amuse you a little. 36 persons joined the rebells at Manchester, all whom except two are taken in Carlisle; these two went with the Pretender. Doctr. Douglass, Doctr. Salkeld, Davison a grocer, John Graham an apothecary, John Clayton a smith, Francis Hewit a linnen draper, joined the rebels at Carlisle, are inhabitants of the place. The Mayor and Town Clerk of Carlile are sent to London to take their tryals there.

"N.B.—My friend writes I suppose it be those appointed by the Pretender. I imagine it will appear the surrender of Carlile to the rebels deserves inquiry.

"On Fryday last they had rejoycings at Manchester for the taking Carlile, all windows in towne were illuminated; the loyal gentlemen met and drunk several loyal healths. The Pretender was carry'd about the streets in effigy (dressed in plad and armed with sword and target) by the populace. A person on horseback went before him beating a warming pan, and crying out, King George for ever; no warming-pan brood; no warming pan Pretender; and at proper places the mob made a stand and cryed aloud, No Jacobite parson, No Jacobite doctors, No Jacobite constables, Hanover for ever, the Duke of Cumberland for ever &c. No one insulted, no mischief done. In the conclusion they burnt the effigy in great form.

N.B.—One Coppock, a clergyman in Manchester, joined the rebels and Dr. Deacon, a conjuring physician, sent his three eldest sons, who are now prisoners. The constables of Manchester ordered 50,000 bullets to be made for the rebels, and sent southward after them. This one constable owns, but the poor fellow was pistoled into it. The same Mr. constable attended the rebels, hunting for arms and horses with a Bible in his hand, in order to swear the persons they went to."

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1745, December 8. Barwick.—"General Handyside arrived here yesterday from whom we learn that the rebels in Scotland are 4050 strong including 800 French, and that he had ordered the bridge at Stirling to be undermined and put powder under it that in case the rebels come that way to blow it up to prevent their passing with their artillery, which consists of 18 fine pieces that they have got from France."

Manchester, December 10.—"I go there this evening when the rear of the rebels had just left the town on their way to Wigan. I left our army coming into Macclesfield this afternoon, which is as follows Sir J. Legonier's horse, Bland's, Lord Mac Kerr's, Lord Cobham's dragoons, the Duke of Kingston's and Montague's light horse, with about 300 foot, who are determined to march day and night till they come up with them, horses being prest for the foot; the rest of Ligonier's army and artillery encamped near Coventry."

Doncaster, December 12.—"General Oglethorpe with Sir George's dragoons and ten men out of every troup in Wade's and Montague's horse, and the Royal Hunters went from Wakefield to Huthersfield on Wednesday morning in pursuit of the rebels. Wade's army went from Wakefield to Leeds on Wednesday morning, and 'tis said was to proceed from thence to Newcastle."

Bawtry, December 14.—"General Huske at his own earnest request was gone from Ferry bridge with five regiments of foot and four pieces of cannon, not doubting but he will have it in his power either to harass the enemy or stop them at a pass near Penrith. MSS. of Sir W Fitzherbert.

"I wish this be true but doubt it. I think he might have got to Penrith before the rebels, it being exceeding good turnpike road to Greta Bridge and from thence to Penrith."

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Saturday Evening six o'clock.

1745, December 9. Chesterfield.—"At one o'clock yesterday morning the rebells began to march from Ashburn, Leck road. Parties continued marching till seven when the artillery moved. The Pretender went about seven. They plundered very much, were more abusive then in their first visit, and lived altogether on free quarter. A party of horse continued till twelve in town.

Sunday Evening seven o'clock.

"By an express just arrived from Leck I have the following particulars. A thousand rebells marched last night from thence for Macclesfield, att six this morning the remaining body began to march the same way. At eight the artillery marched. A coach and six with about 40 horse left Mr. Mills' house about eleven. Twelve horsemen returned presently into town demanding horses at three or four places and threatening to shoot people if not produced. After an hour's search left the town. Mr. Mills', Mr. Lockett's, and the houses of the principall inhabitants in . . . have been totally stript and plundered taking their linnen . . . . apparell and every thing valuable and ransacked and disfigured . . . houses entirely, Mr. Lockett senr. was detained prisoner a . . . time and ordered to be shot if he did not produce his son. It . . . apprehended these outrages arise from the town apprehending two rebells who stayed after the rest in their first visit to steal horse and were sent to Stafford jail. Mr. Mills, Mr. Statham, Mr. Lockett junr., the constables, and principall inhabitants, left the town on the approach of the rebells. I have 4 more spies amongst them or will be amongst them tomorrow evening. I have sent William our huntsman to hunt them to Manchester or see if they take Chester road."

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1745, December 10th.—"The rebels marched from Manchester and took the rout of Wigan, part of them were seen two miles beyond Wigan two miles wide of the road to Preston as if their intentions were to go to Liverpoole. The Duke who is in pursuit of them was expected at Manchester tomorrow. The country people and militia are breaking up the roads and laying trees across to impede their march, and it is not doubted but care will be taken to break down Ribble bridge near Preston. The day they left Manchester they demanded £4000 which the inhabitants refused to pay. The rebels destroyed at Manchester all their provisions, liquors etc. This account came from Sheffield yesterday the 11th. It came thither by one of their spies who was at Mansfield on Thursday and saw some of the Duke of C[umberland]'s officers come in there to demand billets."

John Holland to Dickenson Knight.

1745, December 12. Chesterfield.—"The van guard of the rebells entered Macclesfield on Saturday evening, on Sunday came their main body, then artillery arrived there about five that evening.

MSS. of Sir W. Fitzherbert.

"Lord Elco with the van guard got to Stockport Sunday evening at six; on Munday about noon came their whole body much in confusion and hurry, and marched to Manchester that night without halting in town. Their horses were tired, and their foot so foot-sore as could scarce march. Four persons riding through Stockport Saturday in the night refused to be stopt by the watch, on this the watch fired amongst them, and killed a rebell, which so exasperated the rebells that the town in their councells was ordered to be burnt, but for their other officers who opposed it. They have taken Mr. Allcock, Senr., an attorney, Mr. Robinson a grocer, Mr. Bore, Mr. Osborn, with them prisoners for going only to speak in behalf of the said watch and company. As also led away James Lucas the constable with a halter about his neck, and Peter Lewach, and Ralph Kemp are prisoners amongst them for striking a Highlander. They burnt Joseph Stockport's cow-house and barn and destroyed his cattle, for shooting the rebell on Saturday, and have taken the father, an old man of 90, prisoner.

"The van guard of the rebells marched from Manchester on Tuesday morning, about nine towards Wiggan. The artillery betwixt eleven and twelve, the rearmost of them about four. The contributions (which it's said was £2,500) was ordered to be paid in by five, for which they have taken hostages, and seemed in great hurry. If they had stayed another night, the town was determined to give them battle, and for that purpose had got about 4000 ready to rise.

"The Duke of Cumberland with his army lay att Macclesfield on Tuesday night, and sent his orders to Manchester for to make ready for his army the next day. Most of the foot are mounted by the country in order to make double marches, the people are very diligent in repairing the roads for his army, and bringing in horses to draw his artillery, which is drawn night and day. As the Duke marches about 20 miles a day, it is expected he may overtake the rebells in 2 or 3 days.

"By an express since from Manchester, the mob rose upon 4 or 500, that were left there on Tuesday evening betwixt four and five o'clock, and fired a gun at them; upon which the rebells shot a man and boy dead, and wounded another in the shoulder, and then marched off.

"The messenger met the Duke of Cumberland with about 2000 horse and dragoons coming into Stockport betwixt ten and eleven on Wednesday morning.

"All the Stockport gentlemen are returned home except one Watchman, and one man that knocked a Highlander down and took his plunder from him.

"A gentleman in the Peak advises me this evening, that one part of the Duke's forces marcht by Stockport the other towards the Witches; and it was expected, that the two bodies might reach Wiggan, and join on Wednesday night, and hope all our forces may be att Preston to night. The Ribble and Lancaster bridges he hears are pulled down. The Duke declares he will not sleep, till he has seen them.

"All my accounts agree that the rebells and their horses are much fatigued, and their chiefs very much dejected."

Ten o'clock Even.

1745, December 12. Chesterfield.—"I have sent you our accounts and hope the next will bring account of the utter destruction of the rebels. I have sent Mr. Knight's pistols.

"I have sent two spies after the rebels at 5 this morning."

The Same to the Same. MSS. of Sir W. Fitzherbert.

Saturday Even 5 o'clock.

1745, December 17. Chesterfield.—"The King's forces are in eager pursuit of the rebells, a considerable number of horse and foot have passed through this place, we have a large body here this night; we were in great expectation of seeing the Duke here two days ago, but he halted three or four days about Macclesfield and went this morning through Weemslow and Holling ferry for Wiggan which place he designed to reach to night. It is generally supposed the van guard of the Duke's army which lay at Wiggan last night will come up with the rear guard of the rebells to morrow or Sabbath day, they did not march from Preston till this morning. A party of Marshall Wade's light horse went through Bury at seven o'clock this morning to join the Duke. Marshall Wade has detatched five regiments to march with all speed to interrupt the rebells betwixt Kendall and Carlisle. Thirteen rebells prisoners in Manchester house of correction, and we hear severall more taken att Wiggan, being stragglers tired with marching, which is apprehended to be the reason of their stay at Preston.

Sunday Even 6 o'clock.

"The rebells left Preston on Fryday morning in great distress, att which time the van of the Duke's army was but six miles from them, and part of Marshall Wade's light horse had joined those of the Duke's, so it's expected they would be up with them on Saturday and harrass them in the rear till the rest can get up.

"The Duke and the rear were to be at Wiggan on Fryday night. It's said that Marshall Wade has detatched a party to give them the meeting betwixt Kendall and Carlisle. It's not doubted but they will be in time, we are informed that the party which composes the van of the Duke's army are volunteers and choose to take the part of harrassing the rebells, and we imagine the Duke's staying 2 days att Macclesfield was to draw up the rear and give them refreshment. It is said the van that is near the rebells is about 4,000 horse old and new.

Manchester, Tuesday evening 6 o'clock.

"Yesterday we had the following accounts from Preston. The main body of the rebels left Preston on Fryday morning Decr. 13. The same day there came in there 120 of the Duke of Kingstone's light horse, the Duke of Cumberland's hussars, and the Royall Hunters.

"The same evening came in St. George's Dragoons, a detatchment of Wade's horse, another of Montague's old horse, and Oglethorp's.

"About 2 this afternoon, we had an account that the hussars and light horse came up with the rear of the rebels on a moor, about midway betwixt Garstang and Lancaster yesterday; when a slight skirmish ensued and it's said one or two of the light horse were killed, but we have no certain accounts what the rebels lost. However as there was no lodging there for our horse their commander thought it best to return to Garstang and the rebels proceeded to Lancaster that evening, when they arrived there we are told they hanged three of the King's friends.

"It's said the rebels hearing a party of Wade's foot were att Kendall intended to halt at Lancaster.

"The Duke with part of his forces went through Warrington and would be at Lancaster to night if the rebels had quitted that town, the detachment of foot that went through our town, would be att Preston to night.

"Manchester paid 2,500 by way of contribution.

"General Oglethorp drew up the van of the King's forces composed of Duke of Kingstone's and the rest of the light horse and hussars, and

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Lord Elco the rear of the rebels on Hilmoor, 5 miles short of Lancaster, and Lord Elco has possession of Lancaster. The rebels were at Lancaster on Sunday morning and did not seem to move, having notice General Husk was got to Kendall with five regiments of foot detached from General Wade's army.

"The Duke of Cumberland was att Preston on Saturday, he expected to be att Garstang Sunday evening.

"The rebels' artillery is now in the van, the horse in the rear. Their are 17 right-Hungarian hussars with our army."

"The two first accounts are the reports of the spies,the last the contents of three letters I received from Manchester."

The Same to the Same.

Wednesday morning, Kendall.

"The Duke's horse and one regiment of granadiers march'd from hence till they came to Clifton-Moor, about 2 miles from Penrith, 14 miles from Kendall, where they arriv'd about 4 afternoon, when our hussars and rebels had severall fires at one another for about an hour. Our horse and dragoons were immediately form'd into a line of battle, the foot being behind, and a draught out of three regiments of dragoons was detached and marched on foot towards the enemy, commanded by Coll. Honeywood, being about 150. They marched to the bottom of the moor, where our hussars informed them they were, but it being near 5 and dark, our men could not see them till they were upon them, nor even then till they gave fire, for they were intrenched in a deep watry ditch beyond a hedge; as soon as our men had receiv'd the fire they returned it with the fire of platoons, and immediately after with a whole volley, which was performed with admiration. Then the rebels run away, and our men gave a hussa and followed; they run the length of one field, and then gave us another fire, and we returned it, then they attacked us sword in hand, but it being very dark, and our men having great heavy boots, and it being among ditches and hedges and soft watry ground, made it worse for our men. We had 11 men killed and 18 wounded, amongst which was Col. Honeywood, and a Captain, but none mortall. Our men all stood under arms all night (which was a very cold rainy one) expecting a battle next morning, for the rebels' artillery march'd over this moor about 2 this afternoon. Five rebels found dead in the field next morning, and thirty-nine taken prisoner by the country people, most of them wounded, and seventeen found dead next day in the river and ditches thereabouts, and I dare say a great many more were killed. The rebels march'd with their artillery from Penrith about 6 this night, and took about 100 inhabitants with them, with lanthorns and were made to lead their horses all the way to Carlisle, where the dogs got about nine next morning.

"The Duke and his horse got into Penrith Thursday morning about nine, and his foot that night and Friday. All Thursday and Friday the country people, hussars, and Hunters, were continually bringing in rebels into Penrith so that there is now kill'd and taken upwards of 200. Lord Elco is taken, he got a cutt in his throat by our hussars which was sew'd up, but doubtfull whether he will recover. Capt. Hamilton is taken, and one who came from Manchester, who after taken requir'd quarter, which was granted, after which the rogue fired a pistol at one of our hussars. Friday about 150 of the better sort of the rebels advanced from Carlisle towards the river Aske, but Gen. Huske being there with 3000 men, part of Marshall Wade's army and 2000 Whitehaven men, joined them, which obliged the rebels to retreat

to Carlisle. There will be 12 pieces of cannon and 2 large battering pieces immediately brought from Whitehaven to the Duke's assistance. His whole army will march from Penrith towards Carlisle this morning being Saturday. Gen. Wade with his army was att Newcastle on Wednesday night last, so I hope a few days will make an end of all the rogues."

Chesterfield, 23 Decr. 1745. 12 o'clock at night.

"The above I received by express from a particular friend, which I hope may be depended upon. The accounts from Brother you'll see are premature. I have enclosed the contents of all accounts I have received as they vary so much. Sir Charles Molyneux, gentlemen, and others wait for accounts therefore please excuse hurry."

### Samuel Holland to John Holland.

"Dear Brother,—Having just now received the following accounts, I thought proper to send it you, by a special messenger. Mr. Simns brought them both from Norton. The one is the express sent from Chattsworth to Mr. Offley, which is pretty much the same we received, only more particular, the other is an express sent to Sheffield, which Mr. Wadsworth brought to Mr. Offley's.

"My Lord,—Brough, December the 18th, in the morning.—I have just now received a letter from Mr. Burn of Orton, that General Oglethorp is in his house, and that the town is full of our forces. Our messenger was amongst them; and the Duke of Cumberland has taken the rear-guard of the rebells at Shap; and sent an express to Appleby to summon all the country to join them att Brougham, as soon as possible this day, with such arms as they can get, to persue and take the rest. The above is from Sheffield by an express come in there.

"Wednesday 10 o'clock night.—Lord Lonsdale has had an express within this hour from Mr. Armitage, dated this morning, and he says last night the Duke was att Shap, within six miles of Penrith, where he had taken all the rear guard of the rebells, and was within 4 miles of the main body.

"The day before the advanced guard of the rebells was beat back from Emmont Bridge, and chaised to Kendall, by the country rising upon them; that the Duke of Perth, and the two ladys, were taken by the way; but the Duke is so ill it's thought he is dead by this time.

"The advanced guard of the rebells were, their Prince, the Duke of Perth, and all the Lords as before.

"P.S.—Pray excuse all faults for am so overjoyed I scarce can contain myself."

### John Holland to Dickenson Knight.

1745, December 19. Penrith.—"My last was from Kendal on Tuesday. Yesterday morning wee passed over the dreadfull fields of Westmoreland and came to Shap about 2 in the afternoon, where we heard that the rear of the rebels was about 6 miles before us, whereupon we martched forward to this place, but were stopt 2 miles short of it by about 800 of the rascals at a village called Clifton, which they had taken possession of, and had lined all the hedges about the place; we drew up in order on a common about a quarter of a mile from the village, by this time it was almost dark, but our hussars and a party of Cobham's and Bland's dragoons dismounted, got into the fields and after a sharp fire of a quarter of an hour we cleared the fields and hill of them, and then took possession of the place and continued in it all night, our army

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remaining on the common, where they were drawn up, we lost about 12 dragoons, and it is unknown what number of the rebels was slain, for they carried many away and threw them into a river hard by, we found only 5 this morning on the field, we have taken 50 prisoners this morning. My Lord Duke is very well after this fatigue of lying under arms all last dreadfull wet night, and I hope this night's expected rest will refresh him and all of us, tho' beads are almost out of fashion with us. The rebels made this stand to secure the retreat of the remain body, who went from hence during the scirmish, and I suppose are before now at Carlisle, but I hope we shall demolish them all before they reach Scotland, we are now but 16 miles from Carlisle, and I suppose shall be before it tomorrow; the Duke of Perth was very active last night, we hear of one of their great officers being wounded but cannot say who, poor Colonell Huneywood received wounds, and we fear he is in danger; we were on an eminence and saw the action thro'out, but encountred with nothing but the long night and comfortless weather, for it began to rain at 3 in the morning and continued till this day noon. My best wishes attend all at Thoersby, this is no time for compliment, but I am hartily, tho' not a little fatigued."

John Laud to ——— Masson.

1745, December 28. Sheffield.—"The following account came from the surgeon to General Wade's horse to his brother here, and I doubt not may be depended on."

"Bishopp Aukland, December 24, 1745.

"I imagine you received a verball account of our arrival at Barnsley, here I found the two regiments when all march'd for Pontefract, except a detachment of 60 men from each regiment, which together with 300 Dragoons, the Royall Hunters and Georgier Rangers, where I intended by forc'd marches to join the Duke at Preston. I would gladly have gone and offered myself to the Collonell (as they had no surgeon with them) but it could not be admitted of. We march'd from Pontefract to Knaresborough from thence to Rippon. As our Generals had resolv'd to cantoon the infantry from Burrowbridge to Newcastle the army did not move together but in divisions of 2000 each. So we halted at Rippon that we might not fall in with the foot upon the march, from Rippon to Richmond, from thence to Bishop Aukland, which prov'd too long fatiguing marches, thro' exceeding deep dirty roads, here we have halted, but expect to march tomorrow or next day. You have heard no doubt of the precepitate retreat of the rebels out of England. The first place the horse could overtake them at was near Penrith, their rear guard finding themselves too closely pursued, drew up in Clifton field behind the hedge, the afternoon was very hazy, and it was near 4 o'clock before the people came up. The Duke ordered Bland's dragoons to dismount, they formed and march'd up to the enemy. A brisk fire began from behind the hedge which was return'd by our dragoons and continued pretty smart for a few minutes, but they quickly turn'd taile, and the whole 400 dispers'd, they found about 18 killed and wounded upon the spott, and in the adjacent lanes and hedges, 30 were taken prisoners, and the country people brought in 30 or 40 the next day.

"Poor Philip Honeywood was shott in the neck, two more officers wounded, and about ten dragoons killed and wounded. We heard no more of our brave Duke till today, when we had an account, the rebels not being able to pursue their retreat any longer, where obliged to take

shelter in Carlisle, where the Duke has pinned them up, and perhaps before you receive this has destroyed their whole power, at least you may be very sure, you'l hear no more of their marching either into England or Scotland. We have made another detachment of 80 men from two regiments, and they have mounted 1000 foot at Newcastle. This reinforcement has joined the Duke before Carlisle, 6000 Hessians are actually landed in Scotland. So that if it was possible for the rebels to escape the Duke, they are very certain to be cut off before they can reach the Highlands. The Lord be thanked our good friends the Dutch are order'd home, these gentry have given us more trouble than it may be proper to speak of, but while we wanted their assistance it was not proper to complain. The next news I hear from Carlisle. . . . .

Jervase Wright."

"Yesterday we had a confirmation of this from a person in Carlisle, to his brother here, but I have not time to go and see it now."

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1745, December 10. Manchester.—"I came from Litchfield yesterday when I saw the Duke of Cumberland and the regiments following, Ligonier's Horse, Bland's, Lord Mac Ker's, and Cobham's Dragoons, the Duke of Kingston's and Montague's Light Horse, with about 1500 foot, who are determined to march almost day and night till they come up with the rebels. The rest of the army is encamped on Meridan Heath near Coventry, where the artillery is left, that they may march the more expeditiously after them, they press horses for the foot that they get forward with the horse. The town of Macclesfield is almost ruined by the rebels. At the approach of the King's forces into the town I never saw such a chearfulness, and rejoicing in my life. Yesterday a small party of rebels was plundering near this town; one of the inhabitants fired a gun and killed one of 'em on which his comrades burnt his house and forced two of his neighbours along with 'em with halters about their necks, and made 'em walk barefoot with their boots upon their shoulders. On their leaving this town they obliged 'em to pay £2500 contribution, and when they went off they fired some guns and wounded several people in a terrible manner. The rebels left Manchester about 2 hours before Mr. Abraham Cave and I got in.

"Mr. Burdon's account is almost exactly the same with the above, he says the rear of the rebels marched out of Manchester towards Wiggan on Tuesday in the afternoon, and so northward as fast as possible, and that our army entered Macclesfield about 3 o'clock in the afternoon the same day—he farther adds they are informed by a letter from Newcastle by last night's post, there is a body of 5000 rebels, Scotch and French in arms in Scotland with a train of battering cannon, and they give out they will besiege Stirling and Edinburgh. Epworth, 12 December."

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1745, December 15. Evening. Manchester.—"By an express from Lancaster dated this morning at 9 o'clock, we hear that the body of the rebels was then there, but what they designed to do was not known, being they heard a detachment of Wade's army was at Kendall, and t'was reported they hanged 3 men (but does not say who they were) at that place, and says yesterday a detachment of the Duke of Kingston's light horse, and a party of hussars and Royal Hunters, commanded by General Oglethorpe, came up with the rear guard of the rebells about

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3 or 4 miles beyond Garstang under the command of Lord Elcho, upon which they turned about, and a pritty warm skirmish ensued, in which General Oglethorpe has one man killed and one took prisoner, owing to a fall from his horse, but what numbers of the rebels was killed is not known, upon which they retired and agreed in a councill of warr to return to Garstang and wait for the remainder of the army to come up, which is expected will be there to night."

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Durham. December 17.—"General Wade's army is divided and marches in eight columns, the first of which will be at Newcastle tomorrow.—It is reported the Duke of Perth is taken prisoner on account of his falling sick, and Lady Ogilvie also taken prisoner, and that the Duke's army has harassed and broke the rebel army, and that 500 of them are within five miles of this place, if so as the passes are most of them stopt into Scotland I hope that our different columns will pick up a share of them. General Wade's army now lies under cover of night. This comes from an officer of Wade's army.

1745, December 19. Doncaster.—"A messenger going from Lord Malton's to London gives an account that the Duke of Cumberland haith taken the artillery and baggage of the rebels and cut off the rear of them."

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1745, December 19. Chesterfield, Thursday Noon.—"On Thursday December the 12. A large body of dragoons with four troops of the Duke of Kingston's horse, and 1500 Foot, entered Manchester in the evening.

"On Friday 200 of the Duke of Montague's Old Horse, and 200 of St. George's Dragoons reached Preston that evening from Rachdale.

"Twelve of the Duke of Kingston's light horse, sent from Manchester to reconnoitre the rebels, returned from near Garstang to Preston on Friday night, with intelligence that the rebels were about Garstang.

"Saturday at noon 12 Yorkshire Rangers, who were advanced within a mile or two of Lancaster to reconnoitre, were pursued by a large body of rebels. They came up with their horses being wearied; one was shot refusing quarter, the other two surrendered, and taken prisoners to Lancaster.

"There were no persons hanged at Lancaster as before reported, the rebels plundered extreamly there, breaking open chests, cuppords, and everything in their way, and taking away everything that was valuable. The same was done in Preston, and all other towns they passed through, the same in all country places where they came.

"On Sunday before day most of the rebels left Lancaster, their rear got to Kendall about six that evening; the country people about Kendall opposed their van guard, killed two rebels, and took one prisoner, and the rebels killed three country people.

"Their hussars marched out of Kendall Sunday evening for Penrith, within a mile of Penrith the country assembled to oppose them with scythes, pitchforks, guns, swords, &c. These hussars took one countryman prisoner, and returned about five on Monday morning to Kendall. On Monday before it was light, till nine, they continued marching from Kendall for Penrith in order to be in Carlisle on Tuesday, and from thence proceeded to Scotland.

"The rebels give out 10,000 French were to have landed in Wales, but received an express in Derby, that they proposed to land in Scotland, whom they are returning to join.

"The hussars, rangers, part of the light horse, and part of St. George's and Montague's, got to Kendall on Monday evening. The Duke with the rest of the horse were at Lancaster that evening.

"About three that afternoon was met the Duke of Kingstone in his coach with Lord Byron a mile south of Lancaster, two troops of his horse attending, with 200 foot mounted on country horses.

"Our foot and some Yorkshire Blews imagined may make 3000, were in Preston on Tuesday and halted.

"It is confidently reported at Preston that the Duke has received an express on Saturday there, part of our horse marching for Lancaster returned to Garstang, and the other part from Garstang towards Preston, and the foot return'd to Wiggan on Sunday and billets came to Manchester for 7000 men on Monday night.

"On Sunday our forces were ordered to march again after the rebels as fast as possible ; had it not been for this they were so near the rebels that they must have come up with them before this time.

"The rebels artillery march'd night and day before them with a proper Guard, who take horses from the country people, and when those can march no further, take more.

"Att Manchester, Preston, and where our forces came, there are great rejoicings by ringing of bells, bonefires and illuminations in every window.

"14 rebels are prisoners att Garstang, and 16 at Manchester.

"The Duke declares he will follow them to their very doors in the Highlands.

"The above received from 2 spies just arrived, who were taken prisoners by the rebels Saturday afternoon, and releas'd att Kendal on Munday. The rebels have taken their horses.

"Ten of clock Thursday even. We have just received accounts from Chatsworth that the rebels were at Shap on Wednesday morning and that General Oglethorpe was got before them, and had join'd a detachment from Marshall Wade's army.

"The Duke of Cumberland set out from Kendal at 6 o'clock on Wednesday morning and declar'd he wou'd not sleep till he came up with them."

H. Russell to ————

1745, December 23.—"From Penrith without date an express to Manchester.

"The Duke has had a slight skirmish with the rebels, has lost ten men and the rebels 100 ; it was believed if his foot had been with them he had done their business.

"Our foot got to Lancaster on Wednesday afternoon, and 1500 horses were waiting there ready to mount them as soon as they had dined.

"2000 more of the Duke of Cumberland's foot were to be in Manchester on Saturday. The 6000 that remained of his army are gone to London from the country and the places adjacent.

"Marshall Wade's army was at Burrough Bridge on Sunday the 15th, from thence were detached a 1000 picked men to march directly for Hexham to prevent the rebels returning into Scotland. The rest in severall columns marched directly for Newcastle. The last division would be there last Saturday.

"From Bolton.—Sir, I was in Preston on Sunday the 15, the town was in the utmost hurry from an express that came that day to the Duke, the purport was a great number of French were landed in Kent. Upon this the soldiers att Lancaster and Garstang returned to Walton

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on this side Preston that night late. The foot which were advanced within two or three miles of Preston were ordered to return that night to Wiggan, and all the soldiers had orders to be in readiness to march early in the morning for London.

"About four or five on Munday morning, another express came with an account that it was a false alarm. A gentleman of fortune who was in the room when the Duke received it, and heard it read, told me the contents were that Vernon had taken and destroyed 17 transports and 4 men of war and that the Duke might follow the rebels, whereupon he jumped about the room for joy and declared he would follow them to the furthest part of Scotland, but he would see an end of them, others told me Vernon had only taken one French East Indiaman and a Privateer full of men, a little time will convince us how it is.

"About 8 on Munday morning the Duke with about 3000 horse and dragoons set out for Lancaster, on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock marched from Lancaster for Kendall, on Wednesday upwards of 2000 foot marched from Preston to Lancaster. I was told by an officer on the road they had received orders to goe forwards to Burton without halting in Lancaster. All the horses within 15 miles of Lancaster were pressed to forwàrd them.

"About 11 o'clock that day an express brought account by word of mouth to Lancaster where I then was the rebels were stopt att Penrith by a detatchment from Wade's army and had retreated to Shap and that the Duke set out of Kendall att 6 in the morning with his men to visit them."

"The rebells held out the white flag and wanted to capitulate but the Duke sent them word he could not capitulat with rebells upon which they surrendered upon the Duke's mercy. The Duke will be in town Sunday or Monday, but I have great reason to believe he will very soon after go into Scotland, which I and everybody else heartily wishes he may, and if he does, don't doubt but he will soon put an end to this ugly rebellion, there was but one of our people killed at Carlile."

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1745-6, February 3. Ediuburgh—."After the uncommon fatigue, which his royal Highness the Duke underwent in his expeditious journey to this city, none expected a speedy march of the troops; yet to every one's surprize he dispatched the business of the army and marched it in less than 24 hours after his arrivall. The whole troops were in motion on Friday at 5 o'clock in the morning, and expressed the greatest eagerness to attack the rebels. General Huske led the van, his Royal Highness set out soon after the artillery, and passed through this city in the Earl of Hoptone's coach, amidst a prodigious crowd, who expressed their satisfaction by repeated acclamations of joy, and prayers for his success. Att a quarter of a mile's distance, his Royall Highness mounted his horse, and was soon up with the army, which lay that night att Linlithgow. The rebels called in their stragling parties, and seemed to prepare for a general engagement, which was expected on Saturday. No time was lost, for early that morning the artillery moved, together with Lord Cobham's, and 4 troops of Lord Mark Kerr's dragoons, which were all the horse that had joined, Legonier's, and Hamilton's, being left to patrol near this city. The quickness of this motion, and the alertness of the army, equally surprised and terrifyd the rebells, who, that morning having blown up their powder magazine in the church of St. Ninian's, fled with the greatest precipitation without

the least regularity, and made such haste, that they got to the north side of the Forth by the ford of the Trew that night.

"The Argyleshire Highlanders, and dragoons under Brigadier Mordaunt pursued, and took possession of Stirling; where they found the rebels cannon etc, on Sunday his Royal Highness entered that town, and was saluted by a triple discharge of the great guns from the castle, which he had so seasonable releived.

"Several prisoners are come to town already and we hear of a great many more. General Blakeney fired hotly on such as were within reach of his guns. Such a speedy deliverance to the south part of Scotland was beyond the warmest expectation, and the inimitable bravery of his Royal Highness, who has freed the better half of North Brittain from oppression, slavery, rapin, and blood, in the short space of three days, will be ever gratefully acknowledged by all the friends of liberty.

"The army under his Royal Highness consists of 14 battalions and 2 regiments of dragoons; it marched in 2 columns by way of Barrowstonners and Lithgow; the Argyleshire men under Lieut. Col. Campbell led the van, and on Friday night were cantoned towards the river Avon in the front.

"Yesterday the most devout thanksgivings were put up to Almighty God for this begun deliverance from this wicked and unnaturall rebellion.

"Severall gentlemen, volunteers, made prisoners in the action near Falkirk and confined in the Castle of Down by the rebels, have made their escape, and are come to this city, as has likewise Major Lockhart, and Mr. Gordon of Ardock, who having happily convinced the officer on guard of his folly, engaged him to come along with them, and he is admitted to bail.

"A letter from Stirling says that the Earl of Kilmarnock, and several other officers of distinction amongst the rebels are made prisoners.

"The rebels published a proclamation at Stirling offering a reward to any who would discover the author of that *damnable lye* that the person commonly called the Duke of Cumberland was arrived in Scotland, so apprehensive were they that their army would fly on the approach of that illustrious young hero.

"February 4.—It is this day reported that the Highlanders are dispersing, and forcing the country people to exchange cloaths with them. The Duke has ordered the Argyleshirmen and dragoons to pass the Forth in pursuit of the rebels.

"The *Hazard* sloop of war has sailed from Montross for France with the French ambassador, and some chiefs of the rebels on board.

"The Pretender and rebels are marched up to the Highlands having abandoned Perth yesterday.

Newcastle, February 7.

"An express this day brings advice that the rebels still fly before the Duke who was to be at Perth yesterday.

"Cameron of Lochiell's brother is taken prisoner.

"The Prince of Hesse onboard the *Gibraltar*, man of war, and three other men of war, and 30 transports of the Hessian troops, passed our barr yesterday, and as the wind is fair, they will, 'tis hoped, be landed at Leith this day.

"The Duke of Kingston's light horse went through here yesterday for Scotland."

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"1745–6, February 4. Newcastle.—"One of the King's messengers went through here this morning with an express from the Duke of Cumberland whom he left at Stirling yesterday morning at 5 o'clock. The Duke gave him a strict charge not to stop or sleep till he had his dispatches.

"The brave Duke on Sunday forenoon advanced within a small distance of the town with his army drawn up expecting the rebels coming, but on the contrary they run off as fast as they could in the utmost confusion, crossing the river upon floats, which they had made before, severall were drowned, vast numbers killed by the cannon of the castle, and by a seasonable salley made by the garrison, besides prodigious numbers surrendered themselves prisoners of war, particularly Lord John Drummond's regiment, after himself was killed near one of their own batteries. He says scarce 40 of the whole regiment went off with the rebels, we have taken all their tents, cannon, ammunition, baggage, and most of their arms, and to compleat their ruin all their provisions, all this without the loss of a man or the least hazard of the Duke's person. All this he declares he saw with his own eyes, and further that as he came from Edenburgh he met on the rods nigh 100 waggons ladened with all sorts of provisions for the army.

"Our accounts by express both to Berwick and this town are as follows:

"Upon Friday morning last the army marched from Edenburgh westward, and at nine the Duke of Cumberland followed, but on Friday evening at six o'clock the rebels began a most precipitate retreat from Falkirk and Stirling by blowing up this magazine of powder in St. Ninians's Church near Stirling, nailed up all their cannon, leaving all their baggage behind 'em, and passing the ford att the Trew about 5 miles above Stirling. As soon as the rebels had passed the Forth they divided themselves into eight different bodies and were making up to the north. Lord Loudon will be an over match for any of these parties, and its not doubted but he the Argyleshire men and a few troopers will ferret 'm out and bring them to justice.

"Some say the rebels fled so precipitately, that they had not time to nail up their cannon.

"It's said the rebels attempted to bribe the principall gunner of Stirling castle but, he having the honour to communicate the affair to the general, he made a very good use of it by suffering them in an intended general assault on the Castle to come as near it as they pleased, and they not doubting but they had the gunner on their side came just under the guns in great numbers, which the general perceiving ordered the guns to fire and killed some hundreds of the rebels."

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——— to Dickenson Knight.

"A copy of a letter sent us by Dr. Herring."

1746, April 26.—"By an express this day at noon from the Duke at Inverness there was 2,500 of the Rebels killed & most of the general officers either killd or taken prisoners. This express left the Duke in pursuit of the Rebells.

Taken 5,000 stand of arms & 30 pieces of Cannon.

Ld Strachallan killd.
Mackintosh ditto.
Ogilvie ditto.
Appin ditto.
& many more taken.

Totally dispersed, not 200 hundred to be found in any place together. Earl Cromarty taken with 100 of his men."

A true and perfect return of all Papists convicted in the North Riding of the County of York [1716].

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William Pinkney of Thirsk, Gen.
William Dale of the same, Grocer.
John Dale of Thornbrough, Yeom.
Richard Briggs of Upsall, Yeom.
Cuthbert Tunstall of Nether Silton, Gen.
John Pinkney of the same, Gen.
Henry Dinmore of Sowerby, Gen.
Thomas Moor of Angram, Gen.
William Dale of Coxwold, Yeom.
Thomas Dale of Newbrough, Yeom.
William Mitchell of the same, Gen.
John Smith of Oulston, Yeom.
Francis Kirke of Kilbourne, Yeom.
John Dale of Keswick, Yeom.
Edward Danby of Barroby, Yeom.
Thomas Danby senr. of the same, Yeom.
Thomas Danby junr. of the same, Yeom.
Christopher Danby of the same, Yeom.
Richard Burgess of the same, Yeom.
Henry Webster of Knagton, Yeom.
Peter Barker of the same, Yeom.
John Parvin of the same Yeom.
Thomas Parvin of the same Yeom.
John Bussey of the same, Yeom.
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Robert Wood of the same, Yeom.
Roger Meynell of Kilvington, Esqre.
Adam Dale of the same, Yeom.
Thomas Sampson of the same, Yeom.
Richard Gowland of the same, Yeom.
Anthony Whitfield of the same, Yeom.
Thomas Dale of Thornton le Street, Yeom.
William Jackson of the same, Yeom.
William Rowtless of the same Yeom.
Richard Coward of the same, Yeom.
John Mayes of Yarme, Esqre.
Francis Welfitt of High Worsall, Yeom.
Richard Dalton of the same, Yeom.
Richard Bell of the same, Yeom.
William Bell of Girsby, Yeom.
William Nesham of Upper Dinsdale, Yeom.
Marmaduke Palmer of Hutton Bonvill, Yeom.
Laurence Dalton of High Worsall, Yeom.

Hang West Weapentake.
Mr. George Reynoldson of Bainbridge.
John Todd of the same.
Dorothy Blaids of the same.

MSS. of Sir W. Fitzherbert.

Margaret Walker of Askridge.
George Kirkley of Downholme.
James Alcock of the same.
Mr. John Coates senr. of East Witton.
John Coates junr. of the same.
William Staveley of the same.
William Staveley junr. of the same.
John Staveley of the same.
William Petch of the same.
George Pearson of the same.
William Aller of the same.
Henry Petch of the same.
Edward Staveley of the same.
Marmaduke Grainger of Grinton.
John Petch of Burton Constable.
Mr. John Reynoldson of Leybourne.
James Allen of the same.
Edward Holmes of the same.
Francis Dent of the same.
Peter Blenkinson of the same.
Thomas Edmondson of the same.
George Allen of the same.
George Brown of Midleham.
Matthew Straker of the same.
Richard Holmes of the same.
Christopher Stracher of the same.
Simon Scroope, Esqr. of Thornton Steward.
Mr. Christopher Scroope of the same.
Mr. James Aller of the same.
Henry Homer of the same.
William Cooper of the same.
John Milborne of the same.
Robert Marwood of the same.
John Cooper of the same.
William Wetherall of Belerby.
Robert Weatherell of the same.
Christopher Dane of Wensley.
Christopher Dane junr. of the same.
Matthew Bell of the same.
Edward Harrison of the same.
Charles Robinson of the same.
John Robinson of the same.
Mr. Michael Errington of the same.
Mr. Thomas Errington of the same.
Mr. Anthony Metcalfe of the same.
Simon Collyer of the same.
Jeremiah Day of the same.

Gilling West [Wapentake.]

George Meynell senr. of Aldbrough, Esqre.
George Meynell junr. of the same, Esqre.
Robert Walker senr. of the same.
Robert Walker junr. of the same.
Joseph Griffin of the same.
Robert Shaw of Newsham.
Henry Thompson of the same.
Robert Smithson of the same.
John Thompson of the same.
William Appleton of the same.

Chr. Hamon of the same.
Thomas Wiseman of Kirkeby Ravensworth.
Anthony Richardson of the same.
Thomas Wilson of Kirkby Hill.
Mr. Robert Collingwood of Barningham.
Marke Berry of Forcett.
Robert Berwick of the same.
Bryan Moor of Hartforth.
George Kearton of Muker.
John Kearton senr. of the same.
John Kearton junr. of the same.
James Miller of the same.
Simon Miller of the same.
Ralph Lomas of Reeth.
John Kearton of the same.
William Robinson of the same.
Daniel Close of the same.
James Barningham senr. of Arkengarthdale.
James Barningham junr. of the same.
Luke Barningham of the same.
Joseph Barningham of the same.
John Barningham of the same.
Anthony Barningham of the same.
Joseph Hamond of the same.
Michael Hamond of the same.
Christopher Barningham of the same.
John Barningham junr. of the same.
Christopher Barningham junr. of the same.
Ralph Milner of the same.
William Hutchinson of Melsonby.
Thomas Mayor of Lartington, Esqr.
Laurence Hodgson of the same.
Henry Boldron of Latons.
John Allen of the same.
William Loftus of the same.
William Pearson of the same.
Thomas Clayton of the same.
John Witham senr. of Cliff Esqre.
John Witham junr. of the same.
William Witham of the same Esqre.
Ralph Perkin of the same.
John Musgrave of the same.
Robert Dale of Hutton.
Robert Atkinson of the same.
John Kipling of the same.
Thomas Wilson of Ovington.
Marke Apleby of the same.
Mr. William Lidell of Thorpe.
Marmaduke Tunstill of the same, Esqre.
Marmaduke Wilson of the same.
James Dobson of Epleby.
James Foster of the same.
Thomas Fowler of the same.
William Fowler of the same.
Thomas Maltus of Marrick.
John Maltus of the same.
Gabriel Appleby of Dalton.

MSS. OF SIR W. FITZHERBERT.

Paul Maltus of the same.
Matthew Pattison of the same.
Langborough. William Chappelow of the same.
Weapentake. William Knaggs senr. of Skelton.
William Knaggs junr. of the same.
John Knaggs of the same.
Zachary Moor of Colthouse, Esqre.
Martin Adamson of the same.
George Adamson of the same.
Thomas Taylor senr. of Moorsholme.
Thomas Taylor junr. of the same.
John Taylor of the same.
George Easton of Gisbrough.
Francis Snawdon of Commondale.
John Snawdon of Westerdale.
Christopher Duck of the same.
John Duck of Danby.
George Hollest senr. of the same.
George Hollest junr. of the same.
Robert Suggitt of the same.
John Ward of the same.
Henry Harrison of Glaisdale.
Thomas Garbutt of the same.
John Knaggs of Ugthorpe.
William Hodgson of the same.
John Dale of the same.
Gabriel Dale of the same.
Christopher Knaggs of the same.
Robert Atkinson of the same.
William Stangbow of the same.
Thomas Hodgson of the same.
John Hodgson of the same.
Andrew Towsey of the same.
Zachary Garbutt of the same.
Paul Snawdon of the same.
John Mercer of the same.
Peter Garbutt of the same.
Michael Snawdon of the same.
John Wilks of Egton.
George Wilks of the same.
William Wilks of the same.
Richard Harland of the same.
John Harrison of the same.
Thomas White of the same.
William Harrison of the same.
John White of the same.
George White of the same.
William Barton of the same.
William Beane senr. of the same.
William Beane junr. of the same.
Israel Raw of the same.
William Lowson of the same.
John Lowson of the same.
George White junr. of the same.
Francis Peirson senr. of Egton.
Francis Peirson junr. of the same.
John Lyth of the same.

William Lavecock of the same.
William Snawdon of the same.
William White senr. of the same.
Christopher White of the same.
Ralph White of the same.
Francis White of the same.
Matthew Raw of the same.
Henry Lawson of the same.
Michael Raw of the same.
Thomas Harland of the same.
George Barker of the same.
William Smith of the same.
Richard Harland senr. of the same.
Richard Harland junr. of the same.
Thomas White of the same.
Thomas Lavecock of the same.
William Constant of the same.
Francis Harland of the same.
John Constant senr. of the same.
John Constant junr. of the same.
Matthew Beane of the same.
John Robinson of the same.
John Hutchinson of the same.
Francis Thorpe of the same.
Thomas Shaw of the same.
Richard Smith of the same.
Robert Hill of the same.
Stephen Wilson of the same.
William White junr. of the same.
William Stephenson of Barnby.
William Dale of Mickleby.
John Unthank of Ellerby.
John Coale of Staythes.
John Garnett of Easington.
James Hall of Low Worsall.
Anthony Hoggard of the same.
Thomas Hoggard of the same.
Cornelius Coale of Staythes.
William Pearson of Stokesley, Esqre.
Christopher Peart of the same, Gen.
William Burne of the same.
Jame Kirby of the same.
Robert Mason of the same.
John Fisher of Yarme.
John Grayson of the same.
John Mayes Esqre. of the Fryeridge neare Yarme.
William Grayson of Yarme.
William Simpson of the same.
Lionel Slator of the same.
William Allyson of the same.
William Wattson of the same.
Joshua Smith of the same.
Mrs. Mary Taylor of Busby.
William Passman of Crathorne.
John Comeforth of the same.
Ralph Wellfitt of the same.
Robert Mennill senr. of the same.

Robert Mennill junr. of the same.
John Wellfitt of the same.
John Passman of the same.
Hugh Sayer of Rudby.
John Sayer of the same.
Alban Sayer of the same.
Thomas Sayer of the same.
Thomas Midleton of Midleton.
John Sayer of Castle Leavington.
Thomas Bell of Pickton.
Thomas Bell of Appleton.
Stephen Tiplady senr. of Hilton.
Stephen Tiplady junr. of the same.
John Calvert of the same.
Thomas Darnell of the same.
Ralph Grainger of Ormesby.
Bulmer Weapentake. Ralph Reynold of St. Mary Gate.
John Bell of the same.
John Robinson of Wigginton.
William Salvin of Easingwould, Gen.
John Hardcastle of the same.
William Hall of Linton.
John Hall of the same.
Anthony Hunt of the same.
Andrew Chambers of the same.
Thomas Chambers of the same.
Ralph Hall of the same.
Henry Hunt of the same.
Thomas Hunt senr. of the same.
John Nelson of the same.
Thomas Hunt junr. of the same.
Edward Munday of Cornebrough.
Thomas Clarke of Whenby.
Thomas Sturdy of the same.
William Leach of the same.
Francis Hornsey of the same.
Thomas White of the same.
John Scott of the same.
William Craggs of the same.
Thomas Cholmley of Bransby, Esqre.
George Wilson of the same.
Francis Cholmley of Bransby in Stearsby, Gent.
James Atkinson of the same.
George Jackson of the same.
William Hardwick of the same.
John Ward of the same.
George Speed of the same.
Thomas Wilkinson of the same.
George Wilkinson of the same.
Edward Belwood of the same.
Matthew Crosby of the same.
Timothy Taylor of the same.
William Hornsey of Skewsby.
Thomas Corneforth of the same.
Francis Turner of the same.
George Turner of the same.
Nicholas Turner of the same.

Michael Rouckless of the same.
William Rouckless of the same.
Thomas Smith of Tirrington.
William Thwing of Heworth, Gen.
Richard Frankland of Farlington.
Joseph Frankland of the same.
Jurdon Sturdy of the same.
Phillip Kendell of Welburne.

Rydale Weapentke. Pickering, Lyth and Whitby Strand Weapentakes.

Charles Lord Fairfax of Gilling, Papist.
Christopher Simpson of Grathland, Yeom.
John Nessfield of Eskdaleside, Tanner.
Henry Pearson of Whitby, Yeom.

These persons before named were convicted as Popish recusants att the generall Quarter Sessions of the Peace holden at Thirske the tenth day of April in the second year of the reigne of his Soveraigne Lord King George in pursuance of an Act of Parliament passed in the first year of his Majestie's reigne intitled an Act for the further security of his Majestie's Person and Government and the Succession of the Crown in the heirs of the late Princess Sophia being Protestants and for extinguishing the hopes of the pretended Prince of Wales and his open and secrett abettors.

Llang East Weapentake.

William Thwaites of Cattherick.
Mr. Heddon of Bedale.
Anthony Metcalfe of the same.
William Grainge of the same.
John Robinson of the same.
Richard Metcalfe of the same.
William Grainge of the same.
Miles Lodge of Brompton.
John Adamson of Swinton.
Henry Jackson of the same.
William Pickersgill of the same.
Christopher Tideman of Moulton.
William Smithson of Newsham.
Robert Shaw of the same.

These persons last named were convicted as Popish recusants att the generall Quarter Sessions of the Peace holden att Thirske the fourth day of Aprill in the seventh yeare of her late Majesty Queen Ann.

This is a true coppy of all the Popish recusant convict wittness my hand and seal this 17th day of December 1717.

Frankland."

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J. A. Bennett.

## THE MANUSCRIPTS OF THE DELAVAL FAMILY, OF SEATON DELAVAL, NORTHUMBERLAND.

These papers relating to the Delaval family who were the former owners of Seaton Delaval in Northumberland, are now in the possession of Mr. John Robinson of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Some of the most interesting of the letters calendared, were written by and to Captain George Delaval, about the beginning of the 18th century. They refer principally to naval matters, particularly with reference to the Moors and their Christian captives. The detailed instructions given to Captain Delaval by Sir George Aylmer in November 1698 (p. 3) may especially be noted. There are some amusing letters from Foote, the actor, to John Delaval, giving the theatrical gossip of the day; and a letter from Mrs. Astley to her sister Mrs. Delaval (p. 15) shews the interest taken by the public in the Duchess of Hamilton, one of the beautiful Miss Gunnings, and the excitement which her appearance created everywhere.

Delaval MSS.

Francis, Earl of Cumberland to Sir William Fenwick, Sir George Selby, and Sir Ralph Delaval, Deputy Lieutenants for Northumberland and Newcastle-on-Tyne.

1611, November 6. Londesborough.—Sending them letters of deputation for the lieutenancy of the county. *Signed.*

Northumberland.

1611, December 20.—A list of the names of gentlemen of Northumberland to whom privy seals were directed for the loan of money to the King.

Francis, Earl of Cumberland to Sir John Fenwick, Sir Ralph Delaval, and the rest of the Deputy Lieutenants for Northumberland.

1627, April 15. Londesborough.—Concerning the exercise and training of the Northern Counties according to the model appointed for the rest of the Kingdom. *Copy.*

R. Delaval to his father, Sir Ralph Delaval, at Seaton Delaval.

[16]74, June 13. Paris.—I have written to you almost every post but have not had the least line from you, which makes me fear that you have forgot me, as well as the rest of my friends. In my last I gave you an account of my ill condition which is every day worse by my own folly and my wife's great unkindness; but I may find a way to be even with her yet. If I could come home without money I would, but that is impossible, for I may as well starve here as anywhere.

There is no news here but of the great action at Besançon, which the King has taken. The French confess the loss of 3000 men. Since then he has taken Dole in eight days, where he lost, as they confess, 2000 men. He is now going for Flanders, and intends to sit down before Brussels.

J. G—— to Sir Ralph Delaval, in Northumberland.

1681, September 9. The Hague.—Lady Elizabeth Delaval has turned me away from her service. She has gone to Scotland and before

she went, she made her will, and made it so that your family shall have no benefit. Sir Harry Bellairs is her chief adviser and was witness to her will and said "Your Ladyship does nothing but what is just. Sir Ralph is fool and knave, governed by his sot wife."

Emanuel Blake to his uncle [Francis Blake].

1682, August 29. London.—The Duchess of York is brought to bed of a daughter, which is a baulk to expectation.

The Same to the Same, at Ford Castle near Berwick-on-Tweed.

1682, September 12. London.—Concerning an apprentice. *Signet.*

H. Duke of Newcastle to [Sir Ralph Delaval?].

[16]82, November 2. Welbeck.—I do wonder the Romanists will appear in public places. I am a friend to many of them, but I shall never be of their religion. Since you mention Mr. Howard, I acquaint you, upon Lord Carlisle's wish, that I have written to Lord Halifax to desire that he may be this year sheriff.

"My daughter Albemarle haveing violent fitts of the mother, trobles me exceedingly."

Emanuel Blake to his uncle, Francis Blake, at Ford Castle.

1682, November 25. London.—Congratulating him upon the approaching marriage of his daughter Eleanor. *Signet.*

Holland.

[*c.* 1683.]—Essays on the History of the House of Nassau, Princes of Orange, and Founders of the Commonwealth of the United Provinces. *Probably translated from Sir Aubrey du Maurier's Memoires pour servir à l'histoire de Holland. See "Notes and Queries." November* 9, 1889.

Sir F. Blake to his son, Francis Blake, at Ford Castle.

[16]84, April 10.—A letter of condolence upon a death in his family.

*Postscript.*—"Your brother is well. Wee ordered your sister to invite severall praying friends to meet togeather to give thancks to our good God for hearing our prayers for his wife's restoration to health, and to give 5*l.* to the poore, which was done last weeke."

Bristol.

1696[–7], January 24.—A list of fee-farm rents in Northumberland given to the Merchant Adventurers of Bristol, incorporated by Edward Colston for the maintenance of twenty-four poor people in an almshouse built there by him. The yearly total is 237*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*

[Berwick-on-Tweed.]

[1698, August 1.]—A list of the persons who voted at the election for Blake, Ogle, and Hutchinson.

Northumberland.

1698, August 4.—A list of the persons who voted at Alnwick at the election of the knights of the shire, for Sir John Delaval, Sir Edward Blackett, and William Forster.

Delaval MSS. Admiral Matthew Aylmer, Commander-in-chief of the ships in the Mediterranean to Captain Delaval, in command of the *Coventry*.

1698, November 20. Aboard the *Boyne* in Cadiz Bay.—Whereas I have appointed you with Captain Watkins to treat with the Alcaid at Tangier. You are hereby directed and required together with the said Captain to go on board the *Medway* in order to proceed and go ashore at Tangier. Upon your arrival and communication with the Alcaid you are to talk with him equally, both of a peace and the redemption of our captives, but not to conclude anything.

You are to know the chief end for which you are sent is the redemption, that of a peace being only a pretence, supposing they will not talk of one without the other; but if they will enter into a negotiation about the redemption without treating about a peace you are to proceed that way.

If the Alcaid should press for a peace before the redemption, you are to seem to put it off, giving him reasons to this purpose, as, how can a peace be sincere at the same time our people remain in slavery, and that there is no possibility of an agreement without the redemption.

If it should be desired of you to go to Mahoni, you must tell him your orders go no further, and if he seems earnest for it you must write to me for leave.

You must press him with as much gentleness as you can, continuing stiff to your points, but not in a heat, to come to a speedy conclusion, and the lowest that they will take for each man. For other points, as the letting him know the strength we shall have constantly in these parts, with that we shall have in England at sea and land, with the great power and riches of our country, that is left to you; only I will give you the following caution, that the Moors will have a great opinion of you the closer you keep to your point, but not so as to give them distaste, as I said before.

It will not be amiss that you tell the Alcaid the great opinion I have of him, chiefly for his kindness to our nation, or anything that may make him more earnest in our service. You may also say that notwithstanding other nations had gone by other hands to treat, yet I was resolved to do it only by his, or anything to this effect.

If he happens to ask about the siege of Ceuta, or whether we were to send any troops there, you are to say in general terms that all things of that kind are lawful in war, but that you were not well informed in that affair, telling it in such a manner as may leave it in doubt.

If it happens in discourse so as it may properly be brought in, you may say that the last news brought me an account of seventeen men-of-war more, coming here, and that all ships have soldiers. Let this rather be drawn from you.

I shall send a ship every four or five days to Tangier for letters. You are to let the Alcaid know that he will be gratified if our captives are redeemed, and you are to tell the same to Hodge Lucas his secretary.

You are to get all the information you can from the English and French merchants at Tetuan and Tangier.

In your discourse with the Alcaid you are to bring in that I have cleared ten sail of ships, of which three are gone cruising in the Straits, the rest you do not know where.

If you send me any letters you must take care of writing what is not proper for them to know.

You must take all the care imaginable to find if they trifle with you, in which case you must ask for leave to return; and you must propose

this whenever you think he has no more to say, observing as near as you can how far his power extends, which you may by your delay, for then doubtless he sends to Mahoni.

You are to let me know when you are ready to return, that I may send the *Medway* for you. *Signed.*

The French Protestants at Miquemes to [Captain George Delaval] Ambassador from England.

1699, October 7–17. Miquemes.—Petitioning him to obtain their freedom from slavery by allowing them to pass as British subjects.

Tertius Spencer to George Delaval.

1700, July 5. Cadiz.—Concerning the redemption of captives from the Moors. *Five pages.*

The Same to the Same, in Gerrard Street, London.

1700, July 19. Cadiz.—Condoling with him on the death of his brother James, and concerning negotiations for raising the siege of Ceuta.

The Same to the Same.

1700, October 1. Tetuan.—Concerning the raising of the siege of Ceuta, and the redemption of the captives.

Captain Delaval to his brother, Edward Delaval, of South Dissington.

1700, October 13. London.—Concerning their brother James's money.

Francis Blake to his son [in-law], Edward Delaval, at South Dissington, near Newcastle.

1701, March 25. London.—My wife and I have been several times to see a "fly a bed" and they make nothing of asking 60*l.* to 80*l.* for a bed at the first rate, which I think very unreasonable. The Act of Parliament causes the high rate upon silks. In order therefore not to disappoint you, my wife is willing to give you damask bed at Ford.

Thomas, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sir Nathan Wright, the Earl of Pembroke, the Dukes of Devonshire and Somerset, the Earl of Jersey, and Lord Godolphin to Captain George Delaval, commanding the *Tilbury.*

1701, August 14. Whitehall.—You are with all convenient expedition to repair with the ship under your command to Tangier; and whereas there is a provision made of gunlocks, powder and other things for the redemption of his Majesty's subjects in Barbary, you are, with all expedition, to redeem those now in captivity in Fez and Morocco, or as many of them as you can. You shall deliver the present for the King of Fez and Morocco and you shall let the King know of his Majesty's intention to continue in friendship and good correspondence with him, and accordingly you are to endeavour to renew the truce now subsisting, for one year at least. *Signed. Seal. Countersigned by James Vernon.*

Delaval MSS.

The French Protestants and others, at Miquemes, to [Captain George Delaval] Ambassador from England.

1701, December 18. Miquemes.—Petitioning him to obtain their freedom from slavery.

Tertius Spencer to George Delaval, Ambassador from his Majesty of Great Britain, on board the *Tilbury*, in the bay of Tangier.

1701, December 19. Tetuan.—Sending a letter for Mr. Packer and hoping that his chest of plate and other things would be sent on board by the next day. *Signed.*

Tertius Spencer to Anthony Packer, in Cadiz.

1701, December 19. Tetuan. — Giving details concerning the negotiations being carried on between the Alcaid and the English ambassador.

Captain George Delaval.

[1702.]—An account of his negotiations as ambassador from the Queen of Great Britain to the Emperor of Morocco.

Morpeth.

1702, August 27.—A list of the persons who voted at Morpeth at the election, for Emanuel How, Sir John Delaval, and Richard Bellasis.

Tertius Spencer to George Delaval, in Cadiz.

1702[-3], February 28. Tetuan.—Concerning the negotiations for the redemption of the captives, which had been suspended.

Sir Francis Blake to his daughter, Madam Delaval, at South Dissington.

1705, September 13. Coggs.—On private affairs. Mentions his daughters Dalston, and Kennedy.

[Captain George Delaval.]

1705-6, March 3.—At a council of war held on board the flag ship *Ranelagh*, at sea. Present Sir John Leake, Admiral Wasenaer and seven captains, English and Dutch.

Whereas it was resolved at a council of war of the 19th of February to detach as many ships as could be spared, to endeavour to meet with and convoy the Brazil fleets, after the expedition to Cadiz was over, which being unsuccessfully attempted by the galleons getting to sea before we could get to that place, and having followed them without success, and it likewise being considered that the *Pembroke*, *Leopard*, *Garland*, and *Roebuck*, which were intended with four of the States General ships to go upon the aforesaid service, were not ready to sail when we left Lisbon and were ordered to join us off Cape Spartel or at Gibraltar, to which place in all possibility they are gone; it is resolved that we cannot come to any resolution therein till these four ships have joined us.

James Welwood to Sir Francis Blake, at Coggs near Witney in Oxfordshire.

1707, April 17.—Informing him that his son-in-law Trevanion was very angry at not being paid the 500*l.* which had been promised, and that he must expect the worst if he did not pay. *Signed.*

James Robertson to Sir Francis Blake.

1707, May 28. Ford.—I am come to acquaint you that Her Majesty's interest is much neglected because the Roman Catholics meet in several places within my parish of Kyloe (Keylo) with coaches and horses of a considerable value. Wherefore I pray and beseech you to grant me a warrant to seize upon their horses and arms, or otherwise give you reason to the contrary.

J. Chetwynd to [George ?] Delaval.

1709, November 23, *s.n.* Turin.—On private affairs.

Italy.

1709. — An account of a tour in Italy. *Forty-one pages. Damaged.*

Robert Blake to his father, Sir Francis Blake, at Coggs.

1710, November 13. London.—If you will send my sister Trevanion any of your country rarities I shall partake of them. A villainous popish priest contrived my brother Nugent's will, and he was persuaded by a scandalous, broken captain to execute it. My service to my sister Mitford.

The Earl of Dartmouth to [Captain George] Delaval.

1711, July 10. Whitehall.—I send you a copy of a memorial presented to the Queen by Don Luis, wherein he desires a powerful squadron may be immediately ordered to Brazil to make head against the enemy who he supposed were gone that way; but you will represent to the King of Portugal, how impracticable it is for her Majesty to comply with this request before she is informed what force the King himself is providing for this service, and by what time the ships of the States will be ready to join them, their High and Mightinesses being equally obliged by treaty to protect the Portuguese dominions in America; and that no time be lost, her Majesty has already directed her ministers at the Hague to concert proper measures for the defence of Brazil or the recovery of any place there that may happen to be taken.

The Queen is further pleased to order that you acquaint his Portuguese Majesty in the strongest terms that are consistent with decency, the just reasons her Majesty has to be uneasy at the present management of the war on that side, that after so vast an expense to her Majesty and her people, and when we have so great a superiority over the enemy both by the goodness and number of our troops, no use should be made of it, nor any design formed for the advantage of the common cause upon which the security of Portugal seems so much to depend. You will urge this as far as possibly you can, and let his Majesty know it is still hoped the season is not so far spent but something may be yet undertaken for the interest of the alliance and that

such fine troops will not be suffered to waste without being employed. *Signed.*

Sir J. Leake, Sir G. Byng, and Sir George Clarke to the Earl of Dartmouth.

1711–12, March 7. Admiralty Office.—We will send orders to Rear Admiral Baker when he proceeds to the King of Portugal's Brazil fleet, to see the ships bound for the East Indies into the latitude of the Western Isles, and that if the Brazil fleet arrives at Lisbon before he sails, that then he is to consult with the Queen's envoy there, and see the aforesaid East India fleet into the sea. *Signed.*

The Earl of Dartmouth to [Captain George] Delaval.

1711–12, March 11. Whitehall.—The enclosed letter from the Lords of the Admiralty will show you the directions that have been given here for the security of the Portuguese East India fleet and for bringing their Bahia trade safe home. When much care is taken by the Queen to protect their ships, it would be very hard for them to be at the same time inventing new methods for interrupting the commerce of her subjects, and I hope you will be able to press this argument so as to divert them from these unjust projects. No strangers pay here to the militia, and I believe it would be very hard to find a precedent in any country for the duties they would now extort from British merchants at Oporto. *Signed.*

The Earl of Dartmouth to [Captain George] Delaval.

1712, June 24. Whitehall.—The Queen having given direction that the London News, published by authority, should hereafter be written with as great care as possible, I am to desire you to transmit to my office by every post an account of such occurrences together with all printed papers, as you judge may afford proper matter for the Gazette.

The Queen to John, King of Portugal.

1712, November 6. Windsor.—Congratulating him on the birth of his son. *Sign Manual. Latin.*

J. Burchett to Captain George Delaval.

1712, November 20. Admiralty Office.—I send you herewith orders to the captain of the *Royal Ann*, galley, at Port Mahon to cruize against the rovers of Scilly. If you shall find the people of Scilly have committed acts of hostility, or that there is any obstruction to the renewing the truce on the part of the Emperor of Morocco, so that you shall judge it necessary to send the said order forward to the captain of *Royal Ann*, you will do so, otherwise you will return the same to me. *Signed.*

J. Burchett to Captain George Delaval, Envoy Extraordinary to the King of Portugal, at Lisbon.

1712–13, January 9. Admiralty Office.—Enclosing a packet to be forwarded to Captain Trevor, commander of the *Royal Ann*, at Gibraltar. *Signed.*

The COMMISSIONERS OF THE NAVY to [CAPTAIN GEORGE DELAVAL].

1712–3, January 30.—Enclosing an extract from a letter of the officers of Lisbon complaining that they could not get their stores from the *Samuel*, merchantman, without paying the customs duty on them. *Copy. Extract.*

J. BURCHETT to CAPTAIN GEORGE DELAVAL, at Lisbon.

1713, July 27. Admiralty Office.—Enclosing important despatches for Captain Padden of the *Ruby*, at Gibraltar, and Captain O'Brien of the *Success*, storeship, at Lisbon.

J. FOWLER to CAPTAIN GEORGE DELAVAL, Envoy at Lisbon.

1713, August 27. Admiralty Office.—Sending instructions to Captain Padden of the *Ruby*, about the supply of the ships under his command with wine and oil. *Signed.*

LORD GUILFORD, PHILIP MEADOWS, and THOMAS VERNON to [CAPTAIN GEORGE DELAVAL].

1713, September 18. Whitehall.—Her Majesty having appointed us her Commissioners of Trade, we find it necessary to have the Portugal book of rates, the *Pragmaticas*, and other orders relating to trade. *Signed.*

J. BURCHETT to LIEUTENANT FRANCIS DELAVAL, at Wills's Coffee House, at Scotland Yard Gate.

1714[–5], March 7. Admiralty Office.—Conveying to him permission to retire from the Navy on half pay. *Signed.*

The EARL OF CARLISLE to CAPTAIN GEORGE DELAVAL.

[1715,] November 27. Castle How.—Promising his support to the candidature of Francis Delaval, as against Mr. Douglas, for the seat vacated by Mr. Forster in the county of Northumberland.

FRANCIS DELAVAL to his father, EDWARD DELAVAL, at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

1717, December 17. London.—They talk here of a reconciliation between the King and Prince and I hope it is true.

SIR GEORGE BYNG to ———.

1718, August.—Giving an account of the engagement between the English and Spanish fleets off Cape Passero on July 31, 1718, and enclosing a copy of Captain Walton's letter from Syracuse dated August 6, 1718. *Copy.*

FRANCIS BLAKE DELAVAL to his father, EDWARD DELAVAL, at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

1719, March 26. London.—The Admiralty have this day given me a commission to command the *Gosport* a new forty gun ship. She is at Deptford and I shall go down on Saturday to put her in commission.

DELAVAL MSS. We are expecting every day to hear of the Spanish fleet on our coast, and there is a report to-day of their being seen off the western coast, but I hope Sir John Norris will meet with them.

The COMMISSIONERS of the ADMIRALTY to CAPTAIN DELAVAL, Commander of the *Gosport.*

1719, April 14.—Directing him to repair with his ship to Longreach and thence, having taken on board ammunition and stores, to make his way to the Nore and there to press as many men as he could to complete his complement. *Four signatures.*

The SAME to the SAME, at Longreach.

1719, April 22.—Directing him to join the *Bideford* at her cruising station off Inverness and to act under her commander's instructions, to prevent the enemy from landing any troops thereabouts. *Four signatures.*

The SAME to the SAME, at the Nore.

1719, April 23.—Directing him to search all ships he shall meet with on his way to North Britain; and in case he shall find that the enemy have seized Inverness, he is to assist the King's land forces towards recovering it. *Five signatures.*

J. BURCHETT to CAPTAIN DELAVAL, at Inverness.

1719, April 27. Admiralty Office.—Sending him the proclamation for the apprehension of James Butler, late Duke of Ormond, and other attainted persons, and directing him to search all ships he got sight of, for the late Earl of Mar. *Signed.*

CAPTAIN FRANCIS BLAKE DELAVAL to his father, EDWARD DELAVAL.

1719, May 15. Cromartie Harbour.—I am but just come to anchor here. The rebels with the Spaniards that are landed are but twelve hundred in all, as they tell us here, and our forces at Inverness will be as many as they in three or four days. The rebels were by the last accounts about forty miles from Inverness, so that I hope there is not much to be apprehended from them.

Pray my love to Nanny and my compliments to my aunt, and to cousin Hebdon, and Mamma.

The COMMISSIONERS of the ADMIRALTY to CAPTAIN DELAVAL, Commander of the *Gosport,* at Inverness.

1719, May 22.—Directing him to repair to Sunderland and to take on board as many "keel men" as the magistrates there and at Newcastle could supply him with, and then to report himself at the Nore. *Three signatures.*

The SAME to the SAME, at Sunderland.

1719, June 3.—Directing him not to impress any "keel men" who had submitted and were willing to return to their work. *Three signatures.*

The SAME to the SAME, in Sunderland Road.

1719, June 10.—Directing him, in consequence of the disturbances among the "keel men" on the rivers Wear and Tyne being appeased, to return and report himself at the Nore. *Three signatures.*

J. BURCHETT to CAPTAIN DELAVAL, at the Nore.

1719, June 26. Admiralty Office.—Application having been made to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty by the Muscovia Company for a convoy to see their ships, bound to Revel, Narva, Viborg, and Petersburg, in safety, in regard that it will be otherwise impracticable for them to proceed on their voyage, they having received advice of an English ship bound to Petersburg being taken, carried up to Stockholm and actually condemned, and that the English merchants residing there apprehend the free trade to the parts conquered from Sweden is granted only to the Hollanders; I am commanded to signify to you their Lordships directions that you take under your care when you proceed to Riga with the trade bound thither, all such merchant ships as shall then be joined to you, bound to the said ports of Revel, Narva, Viborg, and Petersburg, but before you proceed as high as Riga you are to apply to Sir John Norris to let him know these instructions, so that he may take such measures as he may think proper. *Signed.*

The COMMISSIONERS of the ADMIRALTY to CAPTAIN DELAVAL, Commander of the *Gosport*, at the Nore.

1719, June 26.—Informing him that his ship had been appointed to be convoy to the merchant ships bound for Riga for stores for the navy, and directing him to take under his charge all merchant ships at the Nore or in Yarmouth Roads bound for the Baltic. He was to remain at Riga thirty days, and then to return with such ships as might be ready to sail. *Three signatures.*

J. BURCHETT to CAPTAIN DELAVAL, Commander of the *Gosport*, at LONG REACH.

1719, December 2. Admiralty Office.—Giving him leave from the Commissioners of the Admiralty to come to town on private affairs. *Signed.*

J. BURCHETT to CAPTAIN BLAKE DELAVAL, Commander of the *Gosport*, at Deptford.

1719–20, January 18. Admiralty Office.—Directing him, on behalf of the Commissioners of the Admiralty, to use his best endeavours to enter volunteers to make his ship's complement. *Signed.*

The COMMISSIONERS of the ADMIRALTY to CAPTAIN BLAKE DELAVAL, Commander of the *Gosport*.

1719[–20], January 26.—Directing him to repair as soon as possible to Galleons Reach and having taken in there guns and powder, to proceed to the Nore. *Three signatures.*

SIR JOHN NORRIS, Admiral of the Blue, to CAPTAIN DELAVAL.

1719–20, February 20.—Directing him to use his utmost diligence to get his ship in readiness for sea so that not a moment be lost, and

when she should be ready, to proceed to the Downs and put in execution his former orders, taking care to send an account of his proceedings to the Admiralty and himself. *Signed and altered.*

Thomas Swanton and six others to Captain Francis Blake Delaval.

1719[-20], February 27. Navy Office.—Informing him that orders had been given to supply the *Gosport* with surgeon's necessaries and a copper kettle. *Signed.*

Sir John Norris, Commander in chief in the Baltic, to Captain Delaval, in Galleons Reach.

1719–20, February 28.—Informing him that a suspension of arms had been agreed upon between the King and the King of Spain, and had been signed on the 18th instant, whereby it was agreed that all ships and goods should be restored which might be taken in the Baltic and Northern seas to Cape St. Vincent after twelve days from the day of signing, after six weeks from Cape St. Vincent to the equinoctial line, and in all the seas in the world after six months from the date of the convention. *Signed.*

The Commissioners of the Admiralty to Captain Blake Delaval, Commander of the *Gosport.*

1720, April 7.—Directing him to repair to the Nore, with his ship, without loss of time. *Three Signatures.*

The Same to the Same, Commander of the *Worcester*, at Long Reach.

1720, December 6.—Directing him to discharge his guns and powder at Deptford and then to give such of his ship's company as shall desire it, leave of absence for six weeks. *Signed by Sir G. Byng and two others.*

Thomas Swanton and six others to Captain Francis Blake Delaval, Commander of the *Worcester*, in Long Reach.

1720[-1], March 22. Navy Office.—We have ordered your being supplied with a copper pot. *Signed.*

[The King of Great Britain] to the King of Spain.

1721, June 1. St. James's.—Expressing his willingness to give up Gibraltar, and promising to obtain the consent of Parliament on the first favourable opportunity. *Copy.*

Sir John Norris, Commander in chief of the ships in the Baltic to Captain Blake Delaval, Commander of the *Worcester.*

1721[-2], February 3. London.—Directing him to put his ship in commission as speedily as possible, and when she was ready to proceed to the Nore and await further orders. *Signed.*

THOMAS CLUTTERBUCK to the LORDS JUSTICES [of IRELAND].

1724, May 21, London.—Informing them that the King had appointed the Bishop of Meath, Lord Kilmaine, the Honourable St. John Brodrick and himself, Privy Councillors of Ireland.

HENRY WILLIAMSON to [ARCHDEACON KING].

1726, November 28.—Urging him to go as chaplain to the embassy to Vienna for which he was specially fitted on account of an old prophecy, which had been found during the siege of Vienna by the Turks, that "a" Protestant King should be archbishop of Vienna. The prophecy had been examined by Monsieur Jablouski, chaplain to the King of Prussia, who wrote that it was meant "of one King, an archdeacon in England," and that it would be accomplished in 1727. *Copy.*

The SAME to [the SAME].

1726, December 5.—Acknowledging the receipt of his answer to the preceding letter and sending a copy of Monsieur Jablouski's letter.

DANIEL JABLOUSKI to HENRY WILLIAMSON.

No date.—A long religious letter concerning the prophecy. *Copy. Enclosed in the preceding letter.*

HUGH, BISHOP OF ARMAGH, and THOMAS WYNDHAM to the LORD LIEUTENANT of Ireland.

1727, September 23. Dublin Castle.—Enclosing a petition from Andrew Killinghusen, minister of the German protestant church in Dublin, for payment of his salary of 50*l.* a year. *Signed Petition enclosed.*

H. PELHAM, Secretary at War to LORD CARTERET.

1729, April 15. Whitehall.—Sending an order from the King empowering him to appoint Courts Martial in Ireland.

The LORDS JUSTICES [of IRELAND] to the LORD LIEUTENANT.

1732, May 10. Dublin Castle.—Enclosing a scheme laid before them by Sir Edward Pearce, the King's Engineer and Surveyor General, for employing part of the foot forces in making a navigable canal between Lough Neagh and Newry. *Three signatures.*

GEORGE DODINGTON to [F.] TOWNSHEND.

1739, September 10. Eastbury.—On behalf of his deputy, Mr. Bayly, who wanted a place.

The LORDS JUSTICES of IRELAND to JOHN POTTER.

1740, September 19.—Granting him a suite of apartments in Dublin Castle. *Three signatures.*

Exports.

1740–1, January 28.—An account of the woollen manufactures exported to Turkey between Christmas 1720 and Christmas 1740; the total value being 3,582,931*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*

Imports.

1740[–1], February.—An account of the cotton imported from Turkey between Christmas 1720 and Christmas 1740; the total amount being 6,550,694 pounds of cotton wool and 1,187,323 pounds of cotton yarns.

The Same.

1740[–1], February.—An account of the mohair imported from Turkey between Christmas 1720 and Christmas 1740; the total omitting the years 1735 and 1740, being 4,106,105 pounds.

T. Townshend to [George Dodington ?].

1740[–1], February 17. Cleveland Court.—Concerning an appointment in the gift of the Duke of Newcastle.

F. Blake Delaval to Matthew Ridley, at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

1742, December 1. London.—Declining to purchase the estate of Newsham, which would require too much money, but wishing him a purchaser to his satisfaction.

The Earl of Chesterfield to ———.

1745, July 23. London.—*See English Historical Review, Vol. IV. p.* 752–3.

[The Earl of Chesterfield] to ———.

1745–6, March 6.—*See English Historical Review, Vol. IV. p.* 750.

North Carolina.

1746.—A series of complaints brought against Gabriel Johnston Governor of North Carolina for having violated the constitution of that province in different ways. *Copy.*

Viscount Strangford to ———.

1746[–7], February 24. Dublin.—Concerning a lawsuit which concerned him greatly and in which he had suffered a great loss by Lord Chesterfield's departure, who had conferred the deanery (of Derry) on him.

Viscount Strangford to ———.

1747. March 26. Dublin.—On the same subject. *Copy.*

THOMAS LINDSEY to COLONEL OWEN WYNN, in Abbey Street, Dublin.

1747[-8], January 29 Milford.—Concerning an attempt made upon the Protestants, and the murder of Robert Miller by Mr. Brown.

DON JAIME MAZONES DE LIMA to —— WALL.

1748, October 1. Aix la Chapelle.—Concerning the progress of the negotiations for the peace, and the difficulties caused by the Duke of Newcastle's covetousness and unreasonableness. *Copy.*

—— WALL to DON JAIME MAZONES DE LIMA.

1748, October 12.—An answer to the above. *Copy.*

The PALATINES in NORTH CAROLINA to KING GEORGE II.

[1748.]—Petition to have the land on which they had been settled by Queen Anne, reserved to them; their title having been disputed by Colonel Francis Pollock, who had threatened to dispossess them and settle certain Scotch rebels in their place. *Copy.*

JOSEPH TUCKER to ——.

1749, April 5. Bristol.—Concerning a pamphlet to which he had written a dedication and had it printed. It was then sent up to town to Mr. Trye the bookseller in Holborn, with instructions to send a quantity to the pamphlet shops in Westminster Hall.

THOMAS DELAVAL to his brother, JOHN DELAVAL, in Albemarle Street, London.

1751, July 27. Hamburg.—Asking for a loan of 120*l.* to pay debts incurred through his inexperience and the sharp practice of those amongst whom he was living.

THOMAS DELAVAL to his sister[in-law] MRS. DELAVAL, in Albemarle Street.

1751, October 11. Dresden.—I will skip over everything until my arrival at Meissen, about twelve miles distant from this place, where the manufactory is, where all the ware known by the name of Dresden china, is made. They shew you everything from the mixing of the clay till it comes out to its last perfection. There is not anything which is not represented in this European china, which in my opinion is every bit as curious as that of China. The only fault I find is that it costs something more.

The Court being at Leipsic, where I was some days ago about business, I was obliged to make a metamorphosis from the apprentice to the cavalier and was presented with half a dozen of my countrymen to his Polish Majesty. As to the Court I must be silent. You have no doubt heard of Count Bruhl, who is the Duke of Newcastle of Saxony. His expenses are only much greater. I leave you to judge of the others by those of his wardrobe, which are 15,000*l.* sterling yearly, after my calculation, which I assure you is a moderate one. I saw upwards of four hundred suits in it, mostly of rich embroidery.

Picture galleries and curiosity chambers there are no end of; one of which is of seven separate apartments, to fill which one would think the

whole East had been robbed. There is such a profusion of rubies, emeralds, onyxes ; in short, all the jewels one can imagine.

R. Astley to her sister, Mrs. Delaval, at Doddington, near Lincoln.

[1752 ?] April 14.—It is almost incredible what a crowd of people was at Newcastle waiting to see the Duchess of Hamilton.

She, according to her usual goodness to the public, contrived to stand a few minutes on the steps at the "Iron"; but when the Duke came out he was much offended that the people should dare to lift their eyes to so divine a beauty, and protested if he had had a pistol, he would have fired among them. When he was in his chaise he bade the postilion drive on, and the more he drove over the better.

Samuel Foote to John Delaval, at Doddington.

[1752,] September 30.—After a day spent with Lord George Manners at Ancaster and another with your uncle at Wasingby, we have this evening reached the metropolis.

Lord George purposes to send Mrs. Delaval and you a letter of invitation to his house. Though this step may not be strictly consistent to the usual forms of provincial politeness, yet, as they are people of quality and on the whole a good acquaintance, I would advise you to relax a little in ceremonials.

This town is as empty as your Aunt Price's head.

[John Delaval ?] to ——.

No date.—You seem to think we could have prevented Foote's coming here, which was impossible as we did not know of it till he was in the room. Remonstrances had no effect. My brother had been here two months and we believe would have stayed till the meeting of Parliament, had we not been uneasy at Foote's being here, which we believe was the occasion of his leaving Doddington. The day after he arrived, my brother and he went to Lincoln and stayed there all the race week and the day after set out for London.

Samuel Foote to John Delaval, at Seaton Delaval.

[1753,] January 17. Pall Mall. The theatres have each produced a pantomime. That of Covent Garden is the *Sorcerer*, revived, with a new piece of machinery that is elegantly designed and happily executed. The subject is a fountain.

The *Genii* of Drury Lane has some pretty contrivances, but the inspector complains of its being barren of incidents, defective in the plan, and improbable in the *dénouement*. We have had no new comedies but one given by Mr. Weymondsell and his lady. John Child is gone to France; the fair frail one turned out of doors, and a suit for a divorce commenced.

Francis's tragedy called *Constantine* is to be acted at Covent Garden. The *Gamester* is soon to be played at Drury Lane. I am writing the *Englishman at Paris* for Macklin's benefit.

G. Delaval to his brother, Thomas Delaval, at Seaton Delaval.

1753, February 12. Mortlake.—It was in the *Daily Advertiser* that upwards of four thousand ladies and gentlemen had been assembled at Seaton Delaval to see the rope dancers.

SAMUEL FOOTE to [JOHN] DELAVAL.

[1753,] March 13. London.—"In the North! What do you do in the North, when you are wanted in the West."

I suppose the post will bring you the *Brothers*. You will find some good writing but as a play, it is a heavy, uninteresting, bad-conducted, ill-judged, story. The recorder of your town of Newcastle has lately occasioned a small inflammation at Court. About four months since he dined with Lord Ravensworth, and taking up a newspaper which mentioned the Bishop of Gloucester as the Bishop of Chichester's successor in the Prince of Wales's family, declared that was the second great officer about the Prince, whom he had formerly known to drink treasonable healths, Andrew Stone being the other. Lord Ravensworth made a report of this to the Cabinet Council, which the two delinquents, with the Solicitor-General, he being equally culpable, were ordered to attend. Sundry examinations were had, and the result of all is that the subsequent loyal attachment of these gentlemen should obliterate the stain of their former principles, and the prosecution be branded with the ignominious titles of groundless, trifling, and vexatious.

G. GUADAGNI to ——.

1753, March 20. London.—I have the misfortune to be about 500*l.* in debt, which is owing to my going to Ireland last year and losing all my winter employment, but I hope soon to be able to pay 300*l.* out of the "oritorys" and concerts I am engaged in.

FRANCIS DELAVAL to his brother [JOHN DELAVAL].

1753, March 23.—I am just come from Mr. Foote's farce, which went off with applause. Miss Macklin danced a minuet, played on a "pandola," and accompanied it with an Italian song, all which she performed with much elegance. There were some silver cockades at the play-house for Lord Carnarvon's marriage with the rich Miss Nicholls.

THOMAS DELAVAL to his brother, JOHN DELAVAL, at Seaton Delaval.

1753, March 27. Hamburg.—My brothers set out yesterday for Berlin and propose making a tour through Germany.

I have been inquring about our small coals, and propose trying a cargo or two soon. I should be glad to know what price you could afford them for if a third part of the better coals were mixed with them. If the cargo sent by Captain Read cost no more than six shillings the chaldron, there must have been near a hundred per cent. got by them. *Signed.*

The SAME to the SAME.

1753, March 30. Hamburg.—Coals are worth about ten shillings a chaldron. If you send any, take care to have some of the better coals mixed with the small ones. It will help to bring them into better repute.

SAMUEL FOOTE to [JOHN] DELAVAL.

[1753,] April 5. Pall Mall.—The *Englishman at Paris* has been better received than I expected.

Garrick and all the *deliciæ* of the theatre say kinder things of it than modesty will permit me to repeat. Upon the whole it was damnably acted.

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Macklin miserably imperfect in the words and in the character. You might have seen what I meant. An English buck by the powers of dullness, instantaneously transformed into an Irish chairman.

Miss Roach accompanied by some frippery French woman, occupied, to the no small scandal of the whole house, the Prince's box, whilst the Duchess of Bedford and others were obliged to take up with seats upon the stage.

I set out for foreign parts the first of May. I do not know whether I shall arrive time enough in France to put up a few Masses for the propitious delivery of Mrs. Delaval; but let me be where I will, I shall not fail to pronounce for her a *Juno Lucina fer opem*, and I do not know but that may do as well as an *Ave Maria*.

— De Reverseaux to — Champseaux.

[1753 ?]—An account of the family, life, and misfortunes of Miss Roach. *French.*

Seaton Delaval.

1792, February 1.—An estimate of the expenses for refreshments, attending the play at Seaton Delaval. The total amounts to 33*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.*

[The Same.]

No date.—An epilogue to the *Fair Penitent* written by Lord Delaval and spoken by the Earl of Strathmore. *Thirty-nine lines.*

The Same.

No date.—A return of the persons within the township of Seaton Delaval and parish of Earsdon, who from age, infirmity, or any other cause, were to be removed in case of invasion, with the number of ticket and cart in which they were to be removed, and with the number and station of each cart.

Hartley Colliery.

1797, May.—Estimate of the expense of erecting an engine at Hartley Colliery for drawing the water from the Main to the Yard coal seams, being about thirty fathoms, with a twelve-inch bore. The total amount is 1369*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*

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All the MSS. described above are now in the possession of Mr. John Robinson, of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Richard Ward.

# THE MANUSCRIPTS OF THE EARL OF ANCASTER, AT GRIMSTHORPE, CO. LINCOLN.

It is to be regretted that there is not more matter amongst these papers relating to Catherine, Duchess of Suffolk, and her husband, Richard Bertie. The history of their flight from England and of their wanderings on the continent is well known, but any addition would have been welcome which would have helped to fill in the blanks of that romantic story, or which would have given us further details of the childhood of their celebrated son—afterwards Lord Willoughby in right of his mother—who was christened Peregrine, the wanderer, from the circumstances of his birth. We have however an exceedingly complete account-book kept at Grimsthorpe and at the Barbican in London during the years 1560 to 1562, when the Duchess and her husband had returned to England and were reinstated in all their possessions. This book gives a large number of details concerning their private and public life, their charities, amusements, journeys, personal and household expenses and allowances, presents to the Queen and others, the attendances of the Duchess at Court, and the number and expense of their domestic servants.

The bulk of the earlier papers relate to Peregrine, after he had become Lord Willoughby. They consist for the most part of his official correspondence for the years 1585 to 1588, when he was in command of the English forces in the Low Countries, and are chiefly written in Dutch or French, and some few in German. From their nature they are mostly formal, but attention should be called to the letter written by Lord Willoughby in March 1587, shortly after the execution of Mary Stuart, to Dauzay, the French Ambassador in Denmark, which gives the official, if not the true, version of Queen Elizabeth's motives and feelings on that vexed question.

To go to a later date there are copies of several letters which passed between Charles I. and Montagu, Lord Lindsey, in March 1646, with regard to the holding of Woodstock against the Cromwellian troops. The King seems not to have thought the post sufficiently important for Lord Lindsey, and he accordingly summons him to Oxford in the most complimentary manner.

At page 252 is a letter, unsigned, but probably from Charles Bertie to his brother, the Marquis of Lindsey, in which he gives us an account of how Harley endeavoured to conquer the opposition of some of the representatives of the Vere family, who had a natural dislike to his being created Earl of Oxford, and how he — Harley — warned them that another would have the title within a month, if he did not. The writer winds up by suggesting that "we should tell Harley "what steps have been made to procuring you another title, and try to "engage him to assist in it, upon giving him noe trouble in this point." This proposal if carried into effect was doubtless listened to readily by Harley.

## ANCIENT DEEDS.

There are in the muniment room at Grimsthorpe a great number of mediæval deeds and court-rolls. The following appear to be the most interesting of the deeds, the first three being remarkable as stating a villein was "brother" to a man of wealth and high position:—

[*Circa* 1160.]—Radulfus filius Gilleberti omnibus amicis et hominibus suis Francis et Anglicis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse Radulfo villano, fratri meo, totam terram de Steping, in pratis et pasturis, in moris et mariscis et omnibus asiamentis que ad eandem terram pertinent, preter iij bovatas terre quas Tainca tenuit. Totum quod superest terre quam habui in Spepinga dedi predicto Radulfo et heredibus suis, tenendum de me et heredibus meis in feodum et hereditatem pro servicio dimidii militis pro omni servicio quod ad me pertinet. Hoc autem tenementum volo ut bene, libere et honorifice teneat. Et hoc concessi ei quod non mutabo eum hoc servicium suum de manu mea et heredum meorum. Ego et cepi homagium predicti Radulfi quando hanc donationem ei feci coram his testibus, Waltero abbate de Kirkested et Waltero priore, Ricardo incluso, Radulfo cell[erario], Willelmo filio Aet', Ricardo de Hornecastr', Waltero capellano de Barden', fratre Thori et fratre Gosce, et Radulfo filio Radulfi, Willelmo Gri', Simone filio Hacon', Johanne de Edlintun'et Ancheti de Edlintun', Pagano mac°, Willelmo de Puleberge, Reinerio coco, Ada Grim, Thoma de Belesterne, et Edwardo Multon.

[*Circa* 1160.]—Radulfus filius Gileberti omnibus amicis suis et hominibus Gallicis et Anglicis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et c[arta con]firmasse Radulfo rustico, fratri meo, terram de Stepingia, tenendam et heredibus suis de me et heredibus meis [pro servicio di]midie partis militis. Et sciatis ipsum Radulfum facere iiij$^{or}$ partes et Robertum Travers quintam hujus medietatis militis. His testibus, Willelmo filio Cunen, Alvredo de . . . dford, Bodin de Fenne, Ernisio de Lam'tunia, Willelmo filio Alvredi de Tedford et Radulfo fratre suo. Valete. *Fragment of equestrian seal.*

[*Circa* 1200.]—Radulfus filius Radulfi filii Gilleberti omnibus hominibus presentibus et futuris salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et hae mea carta confirmasse Radulfo villano, avunculo meo, et heredibus suis totam terram quam Radulfus pater meus dedit illi in Steping', habendam et tenendam de me et heredibus meis cum omnibus rebus et pertinenciis et frangisiis que ad eandem terram pertinent, sicut carta patris mei testatur, scilicet faciendo quatuor partes servicii dimidii militis. Testibus, Ricardo abbate Kirkestedie, Simone de Crevecur', Petro de Screinbi, Johanne de Horrebi, Willelmo de H'eeford, Radulfo de Stavenesbi, Alano de Aistrebi, Simone de Frisebi, Alano de Keles, et Waltero fratre ejus. *Equestrian seal.*

[*Circa* 1200.]—Grant by Philip de Kima to the church of St. Mary, Kirkestede, and the monks thereof in frank almoin, of common pasture in Wildemora for the good estate of himself and his heirs and the souls of his ancestors. Witnesses:—Lambert, prior of Kime, Thomas, son of William de Heint', Ralph son of Ralph son of Gillebert, Humphrey de Welle, Geoffrey de Clincamp, Walter de Alford, William son of Thomas, William son of the grantor, Elias de Helpringham, Nicholas de Ros, William Bacun, William de Wdetorp, Elias de Brunna, Spiri the chamberlain. *Equestrian seal.*

[1147–1162.]—Grant by Robert de Gant, with the consent of his wife Adeliza Paganell, to the abbey of Vaudey of ten acres and a rod and a half of wood on the north side of the road which is called 'Leuigatha' in exchange for ten acres on the south side which he had previously given, but which Robert de Langhatuna claimed. Witnesses:—Angerius and Michael, monks, Jordan, Remigius, Ralph de Brunna, Roger the Smith (*Faber*), Ailsi and Syward, lay brethren (*conversi*) of Vaudey, Hugh de Gant, Robert de Langathuna, Ralph Scroph, Arebernus, Alan Ke, Ailbrict and Robert his son, Robert le Franceis, Ovuti and Geoffrey his son, Lambert son of Godwin de Swinsteda, Geoffrey Costard Ralph Cem[en]tarius de Scotelthorp, William son of Payn, Nicholas son of Godric de Anacastro. *Equestrian seal.*

1334, June 16.—Renewal and confirmation to Robert de Scardeburgh, prior of Bridlington and the convent of that place by Henry de Beaumont, Earl of Boghane and Murref and Constable of Scotland, and Isabella late the wife of John de Vescy, of a charter by Sir Gilbert de Gaunt granting to them certain rights of pasture at Edenham, which charter had been maliciously destroyed by John Cadinot, servant of the said Henry and Isabella. Dated at Newcastle-on-Tyne. *Equestrian seal and seal of arms.*

1384.—Ordinance of John, Bishop of Lincoln, concerning the chantry of the Holy Trinity, Spilsby, founded by Sir John Wylughby and the Lady Joan his wife, for a master and twelve chaplains. August 3 *Episcopal and capitular seals.*

1400.—Agreement between the Abbot and Convent of Kirkstead and William de Wylughby, knight, Lord of Eresby, concerning the advowson and endowments of the church of Wyspyngton. October 15, 2 Henry IV. *Ecclesiastical seal.*

1410.—Demise by Joan, Duchess of York, late the wife of William de Wylughby, Lord of Eresby, to Robert de Wylughby, Lord of Eresby, of lands, etc., in Friskenay, Ingoldmels, Tateshale, Hundylby, Menyngesby, Biscopthorp, Kirkeby by Bolyngbrok, Thurleby, and Spilsby. 2 September, 11 Henry IV. *Fine heraldic seal of the Duchess.*

1401.—Demise by William Roos, Lord of Helmesley, Simon Felbrygg, knights, Master Peter de Dalton, John de Tenelby, clerks, William Michell of Friskeney and Albin de Enderby, to William de Wylughby knight, of the manor of Oyreby. Dated at Eresby, 16th February, 2 Henry IV. *Two heraldic seals and four others.*

1407.—Grant by William de Wylughby, knight, Lord of Eresby, John son of Robert de Wylughby, knight, John de Teuelby, clerk, William Michell of Friskenay, Albin de Enderby and Robert de Kirkby, parson of the church of Bolyngbroke to William Hardegray, master of the Chantry of the Holy Trinity, Spilsby, and his successors, of messuages and land in Askeby. 3 February, 8 Henry IV. *Two heraldic seals and four others.*

1547.—Grant by Thomas maltby, clerk, master of the Chantry, or College, of Holy Trinity in the church of Spilsby and the chaplains of the said chantry, or college, to Katherine, Duchess of Suffolk of all their lands and rights within the realm of England, together with the advow-

sons of the churches of Overtoynton, Kirkeby, and Eresby, with the chapel of Spilsby. 14 September, 1 Edward VI. *Ecclesiastical seal and four signatures.*

## LETTERS AND PAPERS.

### THOMAS BERTIE.

1550, July 10. London.—The arms of Thomas Bertie, of Berested, drawn out by Thomas Hawley, Clarencieux King at arms. *Copy in the handwriting of William Dugdale. See Glover's heraldic collections, British Museum.*

### KIRKSTEAD ABBEY.

[15—.]—An account of Kirkstead Abbey from its foundation in the year 1139. *Imperfect.*

### CHRISTOPHER LANDSCHADE to CATHERINE, DUCHESS OF SUFFOLK.

1569, August 8. Tavernes.—Informing her that at her request he had gone to Heidelberg and had done his best to get as speedy an audience as possible with his master the Palsgrave Frederick, for the English ambassadors. Also informing her that to allay the anxiety of the wife and children of his master the Palsgrave Wolfgang he was sending the bearer of this letter, Robert Weidencop, into France to make personal inquiries after him; and as the usual ways from Germany to France were closed, he begged her to assist him in getting conveyed by sea to La Rochelle or elsewhere in France, and also, if he required it, to advance him money, which should be repaid at the next fair of St. Bartholomew. Also sending her messages from his sons Jean Dieter and Jean Lanschade de Steinach. *French.*

### SIR HENRY NORREYS to LORD CLINTON, Lord High Admiral of England.

[1569,] December 10. Niort.—"If after large silence I shoulde write large letters, it were the next waies to fall from one extreme into another. But because your Honor shall sufficiently understand such thinges as hath already passed, touching the dealing of peace, the other occurrances shall not be verie tedious.

The town of St. Jean d'Angeli having valiantlie susteyned the King's armie the space of six weeks and more, in the end wanting munition, and being out of hoope of succor, the second of this instant Piles the capptaine there, yeldinge the place, departed with armes, bagge, and baggage, was conducted by Monsieur de Biron to Tailbourg, going from thence to Coniac. Thre daies before the rendering therof, Monsieur Martigues in vewing the breach was stricken with a harguebusade in the head, whereof he incontinent died.

The Prince's armie is near Montauban, and we understand here the Admiral presentlie beseigeth Aagen upon Garonne. Here is likewise come news that Nismes in Languedoc is surprised by the relig[ion in] those parties.

The Cowntie Ringrave being dead, the King hath directed his regiment to returne into Germanie. There is likewise divers broken companies of fotemen casstd, and manie of men at armes placed in gernizon.

It is thought that the Kinge will next attempte Coniac, and afterwards advance forward to the river of Dordoigne." *Signed.*

NEWS LETTER.

[1572, August.]—An account of the massacre of Saint Bartholomew.

"JOYS, the froylicke pointre" to ——

1572, August 17.—A humble request to be paid for the painting of a carriage. *French.*

RICHARD BERTIE.

[c. 1572.]—The title of Richard Bertie to the style of Lord Willoughby of Willoughby and Eresby, in the right of the Lady Catherine, Duchess of Suffolk, his wife, debated before Lord Burghley, Thomas, Earl of Sussex, and Robert, Earl of Leicester, Commissioners appointed for the purpose. *Imperfect.*

HANS LANDSCHADEN VON STEINACH to his son, HANS CHRISTOFFEL.

[15]78[-9], March 20. Lunœ (Luneburg).—A rule of life for the guidance of his conduct in youth and age, towards God and man. *German. Fifteen pages.*

DON FELIPE PRENESTAIN, Ambassador from the Emperor, to ——.

1579, May 27. "Di Comitio di Polonia."—Giving an account of his embassy to the Prince of Muscovy, who was anxious to make an alliance with the Emperor, the Pope, the King of Spain, and the other Christian Princes, against the Turk; and describing the reverence expressed by the Muscovites for Rome and all the holy places, and especially for the shrine of Our Lady of Loretto, and expressing his opinion that the people might be easily brought back into the bosom of the Church. *Italian. Copy.*

PEREGRINE BERTIE to his "good lady" [LADY MARY BERTIE].

[c. 1580.] Willoughby House.—"I am not little greved that I have not on this time resolved the doubte I lefte you in, and so much more as I feare it hath caused your unquietnes, in whom I make more account of than of my selfe or life, and therefore resolve yourselfe that if I had had fit time I would not so slightly overpasst it. But the truth is, by other trobles, have yet hard nothinge of that matter worthy the sendinge, yet did I thinke not to lose so muche occasyon, since I know not whan to recover it agayne, as to let understand how uncurteously I am dilte with by my Lord, your brother, who, as I heard, bandeth with parsons against me and sweareth my death, which I fear nor force not smallie, but lest his displeasure should withdraw your affection towardes me, otherwise I thinke no way to be so offended as I can not deffend. And thus good Lady parsuade your selfe no lesse than you shall find I will give cause or perfourme above all thinges which you wishe me well to let nothing greve you whatsoever you shall heare do happen. For my owne parte my good or ill fortune consisteth onely in you, whom I must request to accept as well this scribbled well meaning as better eloquence, excusing my imparfactions with my trobled mind, which are locked upp so fast as I could skace try get pen and paper to be the present messengers of my pore good wishes."

MSS. OF THE EARL OF ANCASTER.

PEREGRINE, LORD WILLOUGHBY to SIR FRANCIS WALSINGHAM, the Queen's Principal Secretary, at the Court.

1582, July 12. Kingston-upon-Hull.—"If misfortune of tempest had not spoyled my second shippe, wherin my stuffe and necessaries was, breaking har topmast, and driving har to sutch a leake as she and har company was in danger, besides contynuall winds against us, your letters received the 11 of July had found me nerer Coppenhaven than Hull. Beinge no lesse willing—tho somewhat discouraged to have lost my labor and chardge—to have obeyed the counter command of my stay, than most redy and desirous to imploy my selfe and all mine whatsoever to accomplishe any service acceptable to har Maiestie and hars. And therefore, Sir, your last instructions shall be with no lesse care and diligence delivered than the first was with all duty received, assuring you as I will be sylent in concealing my advertisment of this cause, so shall I as constantly as though I tooke knowledge of none but my selfe—tho flying with sutch plumes as I borow of you—declare what is commanded me, and do all the officis I may to prevent the evill, persuade the good, and maintaine so effectuall an amitie as may be answerable to both their honnors, safetie of their countries, and your good desire; being right glad you have recommended me and the cause to so virtuous a man as upon your intelligence I assure myselfe the Frenche embassadour to be, and more I thinke myselfe beholdinge unto you that it hath pleased you to assist me with so sufficient a gentleman as Mr. Wade, hoping in God my service shall take lyke effect to your wise and grave directions. And so cutting shorte the rest of my letter because we have no occurrences of importance, save only of pirates mutchlie daly complain'd on, worthy your advertisement, I cease from troblinge you."

RUY LOPEZ to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1585, January 22. At Court.—The Queen and the Lords of the Council are all in good health. As you have already heard, one of the principal members of the Council has been sent by the Queen to the Low Countries as her Lieutenant General, and was received there very royally by the States, who have given him ample authority for government. The Earl of Leicester conducts himself very prudently, to the satisfaction of the Queen and the States.

The Prince of Parma is in want of provisions, and the people are beginning to die of hunger in Bruges, Antwerp, and the other places of which he is governor. Don Antonio has come here, a fugitive from France where he would have been killed by Duke Mercoeur if he had not had warning. He was compelled to fly La Rochelle, and his suite were seized and sent with his baggage into Spain to King Philip. Our patroness, the Queen, favours him and hopes to assist him to recover his throne which has been so tyrannically usurped.

The Secretary of State has been very ill with a dropsy but is better now.

Sir Philip Sydney remains in Zealand in a very strong position. The Earl and he are preparing for action in the coming season. We have no news from Captain Frobisher (Furbiger) nor from Sir Francis Drake (Dragˉ). From Spain we hear that they are preparing a maritime force of importance. We are waiting to see what they will do. *Italian. Signet.*

Monsieur dell' Atrech, Secretary to the Duke of Savoy, to the Grand Chancellor of Savoy.

[15]85, March 14. Sarragossa.—Giving an account of the cordial reception given him by the King of Spain on his arrival at that city. *Italian. Copy.*

G. Gilpin to Lord Willoughby, Governor of Bergen-op-Zoom.

1586, April 5. Utrecht.—Sending him a packet which had come from Denmark. *French.*

Charles de Coucy (?), Sieur de Famars to Lord Willoughby, Governor of Bergen-op-Zoom.

1586, May 1, old style. Utrecht.—Sending him some arms by order of his Excellency. *French. Signed.*

The Deputies from the States of Brabant to Lord Willoughby.

1586, May 2. Gertrudenburg.—Enclosing a request from the inhabitants of the village of Brecht for the release of certain prisoners. *French. Three signatures. Seal of arms. Request enclosed.*

Jacob Muys van Holy to Lord Willoughby.

1586, May 19, new style. Dordrecht.—Concerning the release of Baptist Moy, merchant, and Bellerus, bibliopole, of Antwerp, who were prisoners in his hands, and whom he proposed to exchange for his son Hugues Muys van Holy, a soldier in the company of Monsieur de Famars, Governor of Malines, who had been taken prisoner by the Spaniards. *French. Signed.*

The Same to [the Same].

No date.—On the same subject. *French. Copy.*

The States of Zealand to Lord Willoughby.

1586, May 20. Middelburg.—Urging him to be upon the watch. *French.*

The States General to Lord Willoughby.

1586, May 24. Utrecht.—Begging him to put a stop to the "insolences, petulancies," and "immodesties" which were daily committed at Bergen op Zoom by ill bred young people who disturbed divine service with shouts and the blowing of horns, and by throwing stones through the windows. *French. Signed* Chr. Huygens.

John Bellerus to Lord Willoughby.

1586, June. Antwerp.—On behalf of his son Luke Bellerus, a prisoner at Bergen-op-Zoom. *Latin.*

Le Norman de Laurueter to Lord Willoughby.

1586, June 2. Copenhagen.—Informing him that he was about to start on a mission to Lapland to settle a boundary question with Russia; and that the King of Denmark his master was very favourable to the interests of the King of Navarre. *French. Signed.*

COUNT MAURICE OF NASSAU to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1586, June 4. Middelburg.—Asking that no one might be lodged in the room in which the charters and other documents relating to the marquisate and house of Bergen-op-Zoom were kept. *French. Signed. Seal of arms.*

The DEPUTIES from the STATES OF BRABANT to [LORD WILLOUGHBY,] Governor of Bergen-op-Zoom.

1586, June 4. Gertrudenburg.—Presenting him with a petition from three inhabitants of the village of Brecht, for the release of certain prisoners. *French. Petition enclosed.*

The SAME to the SAME.

1586, June 6. Gertrudenburg.—On the same subject. *French.*

The SAME to the SAME.

1586, June 9. Gertrudenburg.—On the same subject. *French. Seal of arms.*

The SAME to the SAME.

Same date and place.—On the same subject. *French.*

Pierre DE VUYTENRECHT to LORD WILLOUGHBY, Governor of the Marquisate, Town, and Ports, of Bergen-op-Zoom.

1586, June 11. Tholen.—A letter of apology. *French.*

The DEPUTIES from the STATES OF BRABANT to [LORD WILLOUGHBY].

1586, June 13. Gertrudenburg.—Requesting him to release the burgomaster of Moll, Bales, and Dessel, called Jacob Sneyers, who had been taken prisoner when bringing in his contributions to Bergen-op-Zoom. *French.*

[LORD WILLOUGHBY?] to the KING OF DENMARK.

1586, July 4, new style. Bergen-op-Zoom.—Giving an account of the progress of the campaign in Holland and Germany. *Latin. Copy.*

SIR PHILIP SIDNEY to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1586, July 14, new style. Flushing.—His Excellency thinks it is high time that the companies which are lying between Ramekins and Middelburg should make sail to Flushing. I beg therefore that you will give orders to all the boats to sail to Flushing and anchor there. *French. Signed.*

R. EARL OF LEICESTER to [LORD WILLOUGHBY] Governor of Bergen-op-Zoom.

1586, July 11. The Hague.—Ordering him to send a hundred and fifty pioneers to Terneuse and Spele in Flanders, there to be employed as Mr. Rowland Yorke should appoint.

COUNT HOHENLO to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1586, August 8.—Sending a gentleman of his household to him. *French. Seal of arms.*

The SAME to the SAME.

1586, August 12. Gertrudenburg.—Concerning the movements of cavalry. *French. Seal of arms.*

CARLO LANFRANCHI to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1586, August 19. Antwerp.—Madame de Beauvois has written to me from Brussels that a priest of her household, called Alessandro le Grande, and her son's tutor, Ubreto Belar, are prisoners at Bergen op Zoom, and that they are to be ransomed for 700 florins. She begs you will send them to her with a trumpeter, and she will give orders for the payment of the ransom and of all other expences. *Italian. Signed.*

ANTONIO, KING OF PORTUGAL to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1586, October 19. Umzee.—"J'ay seu le bon tractement et faveur vous aves faict a mon fils Don Manoel, estant pardella, de quoy je vos suis grandement tesnu, et vos en remercie bien fort, vos asseurant que je le recognoestray en tous les endroits qu'il plaira a Dieu m'en donner le moyen. J'envoye pardella Edoart Parm, gentilhomme de ma maison a aulcunque * * affaires, et luy ay comande de vos voir. Je vos prie de le croire en ce qu'il vos dira de m part, et de tesnir la main vere monsieur le conte de Lest [Leicester] et les Estats d'Olande, affin que je puisse par votre moyen receyvoir quelque avancement en mes affaires, qui se doivent traicte avec heurs." *Signed. Seal of arms.*

BERNARDUS CONDERS AB HELPEN to GERHARDUS ERBANUS GELDENHAURIUS, at Embden.

1586, November 28. Herborn.—News from Sarragossa of the 22nd October 1586.

The Queen of England's famous pirate "Draco" has struck a blow at India and taken several islands. He has also stolen and taken to England three and a quarter millions of dollars besides other valuables. Twelve ships sailed fifteen days ago from Biscaya with 1500 soldiers and 1500 sailors on board; they were laden with arms, and ammunition for 2000 men. It was not known when they started who was to be the general, but instructions were to be sent to sea after them. God knows where they are going. My impression is that England had better look to herself on the Scotch coast. *Latin.*

COUNT MAURICE OF NASSAU to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1586, December 13. Middelburg.—Concerning Abraham Fischmeester who was a prisoner at Bergen-op-Zoom. *French. Signed. Seal of arms.*

MICHAEL AULLIER to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1586, December 14. Lillo.—Concerning the Secretary of Woestwesel who was a prisoner. *French. Signed. Signet.*

MSS. OF THE EARL OF ANCASTER.

LORD WILLOUGHBY to [the EARL OF LEICESTER?].

[1586,] December 29.—"This bearer, for curiosyty as he professeth of good will to my selfe, brought a Polake before me should be offered by a Portingal and Spanyard which resyde at Mydleburgh in Zeland certayne crownes to go to the King of Spayne to reveale a secret concerning shippinge, the circumstances whereof he may deliver to sutch as your Lordship may please to appoint to receave it from him. For my owne part I think it of lytle moment, more than what may first happen to them of Mydleburgh, if upon inquiry it be found there be sutch Spanish vypers there; and by the disaster of Walkeren, mischiefe may better walke the seas this dangerous times for England. As it became me, I thought, to mak it knowne, and so than to you, as he whom I desire might have true knowledge, that I honnour and love him above all men; not in such boggles as I take this, but in the best services my soule and hart could do you."

ROBERT, EARL OF LEICESTER to the SERGEANT MAJOR of Bergen-op-Zoom.

1586, December 30. The Hague.—Requiring his attendance at the Hague in order to give his opinion of the best way of quieting the discontent among the soldiers at the castle of Wouw. *Signed by* John Wilkes *and* G. Gilpin. *Seal of arms.*

A PLAN.

[c. 1586.]—A plan of a Dutch port; perhaps one of the ports about Bergen-op-Zoom.

LORD [WILLOUGHBY] to [the EARL OF ESSEX].

[c. 1586.]—Concerning supplies for Bergen-op-Zoom. *Copy.*

The SAME to [the SAME].

[Same date.]—On the same subject. *Copy.*

The STATES GENERAL to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1587, January 6. The Hague.—Thanking him for postponing his proposed journey to England and for his services in the matter of the castle of Wouw. *French. Signed by* Maurice of Nassau, John Wilkes, *and* G. Gilpin.

The MAGISTRATES of BERGEN-OP-ZOOM to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1587, January 10.—Asking him to obtain the confirmation from the Queen of their rights. *French.*

The SAME to the SAME.

1587, January 17. Bergen-op-Zoom.—Informing him that they had heard that the enemy were advancing upon them, and begging him to give timely warning to the garrison of the castle of Wouw.

P. LORD WILLOUGHBY to —— DAUZAY, French Ambassador in Denmark.

1587, March 4. London.—"L'ennuy et tristesse qu'encores meine sa Majeste pour la mort de la Reyne d'Escosse, n'aguerres executeé, a laquelle condescendre les prieres importunees de ces subiects, encore les

pratiques nouvelles contre sa personne discouvertes—esquelles Monsieur de Chasteauneuf s'est trouve bien avant jouant sa rolle, voire sans le sceu du Roi votre maistre—l'ont entierement forcée; et croy fermement que sans l'importuniti des uns et l'evident danger menace des aultres, elle ne s'y fust jamais consentie. Ce que tesmoigne le grand dueil de sa Majestie seule, parmy les feux de joye et rejouissement general de son peuple." *Copy.*

LORD [WILLOUGHBY] to [the EARL OF LEICESTER.]

1587, June. B[ergen-op-Zoom].—Asking for the payment of some money to Captain Carsey. *Copy.*

[The SAME] to [the SAME].

No date.—On the same subject. *Copy.*

The STATES GENERAL to LORD WILLOUGHBY, Governor of Bergen-op-Zoom.

1587, July 4. The Hague.—Requesting him to give all the assistance in his power to Martini, the Auditor General, who had been sent to Bergen-op-Zoom for the service of his Excellency and the country. *French. Signed by* Gilpin.

COUNT MAURICE OF NASSAU to SIR JOHN WINGFIELD, Governor of Bergen-op-Zoom.

1587, July 7. Middelburg.—Asking for the two companies of his Zealand regiment. *French. Signed. Seal of arms.*

AMBROSE MARTINI to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

[1587, July ?]—Directing him on behalf of the Auditor General to send a peasant, who had been taken prisoner, to Middelburg. *French.*

PHILIP, COUNT HOHENLO to LORD WILLOUGHBY, Governor of Bergen-op-Zoom.

1587, July 7. Gertrudenburg.—Informing him that General Norris had asked to have the English infantry who were in his camp sent to him, and begging him to send some troops in their place. *Seal of arms.*

The SAME to the SAME.

1587, July 8. Gertrudenburg.—Thanking him for his letter. *French. Seal of arms.*

COLONEL J. BAX to LORD WILLOUGHBY, Colonel of the English Infantry at Bergen-op-Zoom.

1587, July 13. Middelburg.—Agreeing, with the consent of the Earl of Leicester, to bring his company to Bergen. *French. Signed. Signet.*

JEAN REYNHOUTS DANCKAERTS to LORD WILLOUGHBY, General of the English Infantry, and Governor of Bergen-op-Zoom.

1587, August 11, new style. Middelburg.—Announcing that he had left Utrecht and come to Middleburg. *French. Signed. Signet.*

MSS. OF THE EARL OF ANCASTER.

LORD [WILLOUGHBY] to [the EARL OF LEICESTER].

1587, August. Bergen-op-Zoom.—Since your departure we have not failed of our endeavours to take any good occasion that might happen. "Wee sent out many espyalls but none be retorned, by reason whereof we dout least they miscarry. My owne trumpet is now come home, who was but hardly entertayned, and not suffered to passe any further than Antwerp, but blindfold. Yet he advertiseth for certaine that at Burgamhoult the enemy lyeth, to his weening, 2000 strong, and at Dambrugh 1000 strong. The first place being strongly fortified, with only one advenue unto yt, and the other so diched about, as that they are strongly entrenched."

The letters "which should have bene found here by Count Hollock's (Hohento) secretaryes information, are not yet receyved, by reason that they who should have delivered them, mist their way. And touching our fortifications here, ymediatly upon your Excellencie's departure, they all retired, by reason that they of Zelland doe not pay anything, and besides finding the bad humour of our Burghmasters disposed rather to leave all things in so weake estate as they be then to have them amended."

LORD [WILLOUGHBY] to [the EARL OF LEICESTER].

1517, August 2.—"I have indeavoured all I may, not only to prepare for th' ennemies coming, but to cut off by intelligencies some of his purposes. But for what appertaines to the towne, unless your Excellencie succours us we are sure of nothing. They procede like crabbs backward, advantagous to the ennemy and extreame daungerous to us. They have promised to imploy the 16000 florins of theirs upon theire owne inventions and fortifications in the new haven, and now they would consume even that title we have, to the contynuance of their follies and abuse of youre treasure. I beseach your Excellencie by open audience, discover these paltry proceedinges. For my owne parte I will with sutch soundnes as becomes an honest man, averre and justify all things; and if it were once brought to sutch a triall it would increase my trust. Riswick the cheife plotter of these unessary change, chalenges mutch from Mr. Gelligre.

For matters abroade th'ennemy is very strong in horse and foote on this syd about Turnhout and that way, where they have cut downe your corne and are ruining it. I could have wishd your horse had comme soner and we had ben renforc'd, as I wrote in my last letters, with some companies of foote. It had ben to be hoped we mought have donne some good. I have yesterday sent letters to the contributorie townes to bring in a hundred wagons for the fortifications, and sent out some espies to th'ennemies camp, whereof your Excellencie shall be advertisd." *Copy.*

The SAME to the SAME.

1587, August 4.—"There is retorned yesternight an espyall of myne owne company who hath ben abroad, and reporteth that th'enemy marched yesterday from Turnhout to Hogstrate with eighteen cornets of horse and fourteen ensiegnes of foot; and there is intelligences from Antwerp that they are to be seconded by all the forces there, and the rumour is that they intend to sett downe before this towne, or Huysden."

JACQUES TUTELERT to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1587, August 16 [new style]. Lillo.—I have received your letter informing me of the designs of the enemy upon this fort. As however they can for the present do nothing on account of the full moon, I must decline your offer of assistance, especially as I have just received a strong reinforcement of infantry from my friends in Antwerp. The artilleryman (*canonier*) whom you mention, has been sent to Walcheren. My friends in Antwerp tell me that the enemy intend to attack Bergen-op-Zoom; in any case their infantry are moving towards Maestricht. *French. Signed.*

COUNT MAURICE OF NASSAU to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1587, August 18 [new style]. Antwerp.—Asking him to set at liberty a gentleman of Brabant named Van der Meeren, who was an old servant of his house and who was a prisoner at Bergen-op-Zoom. *French. Signed. Seal of arms.*

LIEUTENANT GUILLIAME DE VISSCHER to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1687, August 23 [new style]. Lillo.—Concerning runaway soldiers. *Dutch.*

The ELECTOR OF COLOGNE to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1587, August 24 [new style.]. Dordrecht.—A complimentary letter. *French.*

PIETRO DI VUYTENRECHT to LORD WILLOUGHBY, Governor of Bergen-op-Zoom.

1587, August 27 [new style]. Tholen.—Sending him a peasant with news from Antwerp. *Italian. Seal of arms.*

EMMERY DE LEW to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1587, August 29 [new style]. Willemstadt.—Asking him to send the Irish hound (*levrier d'Irlande*) which he had promised to give him. *French. Signed. Signet.*

HENRY HERST to LORD [WILLOUGHBY].

1587, August 29 [new style]. Dordrecht.—Informing him that he had written to the Marshall General begging him to ask his Excellency to write to all gentlemen out of the country who were in harmony with their views, to work for the cause; and asking Lord Willoughby to do the same. *French. Signed.*

JAQUES TUTELERT to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1587, September 1 [new style]. Lillo.—Informing him that a sergeant of Bergen-op-Zoom who had just been liberated from the fort of Dordam had had some conversation during his imprisonment, with Mondragon, and that he had shared the lodging of the Governor of Dordam. He might therefore have some information to give *French. Signet.*

GUILLAUME DE POUDRE, Bailiff, to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1587, September 1 [new style]. Zierickzee.—Informing him that the new fortifications at Bergen-op-Zoom would be no use if the island of Tertole were not strengthened and the town of "Reymersveale" enclosed. *French. Signed.*

## P. Lord Willoughby to the Lord Marshal.

1587, August 23. Bergen-op-Zoom.—"I hartely thank your Lordship for your honnorable remembrance to his Excelencie for the necessities of this garrison, for which your Lordship writeth that his Excellencie will geve present order. Yt is more then tyme yt were done, but yf anie inconvenience or extremitie shall happen through the want of yt, the fault wilbe held others and not myne, having discharged my duety with importunate solliciting of the same these six weekes at the least.

When your Lordship writeth that his Excellencie is displeased and discontented with me for rannsoming awaie some prisoners without acquainting him first therwith. I well hoped that my labours, hazard of my lief, and spoile of my living, adventured for his sake—wherin his bonde to me is farre greater then myne to him—might have letted him from light suspicion, bad conveyning, and hard and straite laeing to them that neither crave, nor have tasted, any liberalitie but from the highest.

I can not but think yt straunge that myselff being a follower of his Excellencie, and who have alwaies endevoured to awnswer his Excellencies expectation with all correspondencie of duetiefull affection, should onely be made a president, when not any other is impeached, or so much as onece called in question in like case; drawing th'example eyther from Count Hollock his opposite, Schenk at Nays, or from commaundors of other places.

If yt may be indifferently determined by th'auncient presidentes and customes of this garrison, I will not challenge that my person and qualitie hath deserved as much—spoken without disparagement to any—as those before remembred, or the cautionarie townes, with whom his Excellencie doth not deale in like sorte.

For your selff, as I offered yow of curtesie what your selff would so yf there be due to yow, I hope your Lordship will draw the president from other garrisons rather then from so neare a frend as I think your Lordship holdes me: but when all is done the matter is not worth so much as the paltrie drosse worketh. I respect more the priveledg of the place then proffit. I love to speake plaine. A Provost Marshall of Berghen councells not me, whom yf I had knowen to have offended, I could not have slacked to have punished; and if he have misdone let him have his desertes.

Judge better of me—my Lord—then that any petie companion minister or officer should overrule me, or a storme of any trouble disgrace me, having not done any thing which I would not have tryed before th' indifferent face of all men.

Yt is true. I am and wilbe duetiefull where I am called to obedience; yet right is due from the greatest to the meanest.

I wish—though I have bene alwayes sett at the cartes tayle of all men in any meanes that might countervaile my charge—yet that I might be esteemed as I am and according to the place I hould. I would geve more then the raunsomes of all those that were brought to Berghes to resigne yt with the same good opinion I came to yt.

To be short: what yow maie challenge off frendship is as large as your self will sett downe, and I professe yt simply without shadow: what of duety, must be referred to presidentes and martiall courtes determinable by a councell table.

For his Excellencies displeasure I am right sorry for yt. I wish he had any could please him better. I nourish not my selff with any humour of honnour or proffit of this journey. I would I had paid the

best raunsome to depart with his favour, and purchase myne owne quiet at my howse : and let others plaie their partes and sett forth their greatnes. I am glad I know the world, and the very thing yt self of these prisonners, which is now caryed like a huge mountaine in a miste, will prove but a skorne of ill intelligencers, when the world shall know my proceedinges. I need not send you any newes of our new Governours in the Iland of Tertelle, the practise on foot between Sevenbergh and Huysden, how many shippes are launced into Andwerp river, whither th'enemy marcheth : for I am sure eyther they be but fables, or before this knowen unto you."

*Postscript.*—"The particularities of your secrets be more particulerly published at Antwerp, then--I think—the most of your selves know them there." *Copy.*

The Lord Marshal to Lord [Willoughby].

1587, August.—"The circomstances of my letter are for want of apt construction taxed. Peruse them well and you shall find it matter answering what was prononc'd by you in his Excellencie behalfe, and no part thereof touching your selfe."

"For Georgio Cressiere his ransom, it is not yet all out received, neither did I therein stand with you to render you your due. Knowing it by many presydents in that place your right, and I my selfe sutch a debtor, I hope as you dare trust for so mutche."

The prisoners "are all straightly kept save Torrise. I wish he were in the Secretarie's hand to exchaung for Teligin, or to work some other feate in England withall, and on that condition" I wish his Excellency and you had them all.

The Duke's army remains at Turnhout. It is affirmed constantly they come hither. Howsoever we are furnished, and attend their coming with earnest devotion.

Lord Willoughby to [the Earl of Leicester].

1587, August 28. Bergen-op-Zoom.—Excusing himself and giving his reasons for having ransomed the prisoners. *Copy.*

The Same to the Same.

1587, August.—Sending Dr. Masset to solicit the States General for money. *Copy.*

[Lord Willoughby to the Earl of Leicester.]

1587, September 2.—Having surprised two letters of the enemy's, I send them to your Excellency. "The contents I leave to your judgment, and I doubt not but some part of them may move you to laugh.

For our state at Berghen, it is as your Excellencie left it, but much porer. Great inconvenience is like to happen, for that we shall misse our weakly lendinges, if by your Excellencie's care and providence it be not prevented. The daunger of a malcontentment your Excellencie is the best judge of in sutch a frontier place.

The statesmen are redy to dy and mutin. My credit is determined with the towne who makes difficulties that no necessities or fortifications can be advanced because no restitution is mad of money alowed (?) by your Excellencie's owne order and mine, under them disbursed; so that all thinges remaines full of doubts and hazards. I cam hether this day with Sir Rychard Brugham to geve what helpe I could; but I find all things here so backward as I prevaile nothing of my labour and hope."

*Postscript.*—"I hope your Excellencie will give me leave in this hard time, and priviledge, as well as others, to make my best of my owne prisoner, Martin de la Faile, wherein I shall nothing hold myselfe deceived of your honorable favour ever protested to me."

The Representatives of the States of Brabant to Lord Willoughby.

1587, September 12 [new style]. Dordrecht.—Sending him a copy of a petition addressed by Brabant to the States General. *French. Two signatures. Signet.*

J. Legros to Lord Willoughby.

1587, September 15, new style. Axel.—Giving reports which had reached him concerning the proposed movements of the enemy. *French. Copy.*

Colonel Cosmo de Pesarengis to Lord Willoughby.

1587, September 20 [new style]. The Hague.—Asking for the release of one of his soldiers who had been taken prisoner with Martin de la Faille. *French. Signet.*

Admiral Justinus of Nassau to Lord Willoughby.

1587, September 23 [new style]. The Fleet.—Sending him some arms which were on board the Brussels fleet. *French. Signet.*

[Lord Willoughby to the Earl of Leicester.]

1587, September 15.—"Having employed all my credit, labour, and travayle, for the sustenance of the poor and miserable souldiours here, who now at last being driven to a marvailous great extremitie, I am told in the most humblest and earnest manner that I may recommend their distressed estate unto yow. I know your Excellencie's continuall and most honnorable care for your poore souldiours, but I am very well assured that yf your Excellencie had eyther seen or heard their case, yt would not a little have moved your compassion to their remedy. And although it be a great want unto them to lacke victualles and provision, yet is the same so much the greater by reason of the absence of divers of their captains and officers, by whose presence and orderly care they might have been much eased, and inconveniencies the better prevented, whereunto they are dayly subiect.

I doubt not but your Excellencie will take order to send both thence and thether where the necessitie is so great. And as for provision of victuall for these poore companyes in the States pay, yf yt shall stand with your Excellencie's pleasure to authorise me to receyve the contributions of the countree, I doe not doubt but to relieve them, much to your honour, and the advancement of the service. And that it may be cleered to your Excellencie that I seeke yt not for any benefit to my selff, I desire that yt might like yow to joyne with me therin, Sir Richard Brugham and the Sergeant Maior Generall, or whom other you shall think meet, for I am daily so ymportuned with their continuall necessityes, as having already stretched my credyt to the uttermost, I know not how any longer to relieve them."

The only news is that "Counts Hollocks and Maurice came downe yesterday to the flett, for whose arrivall ther was much triumph as

that ther was whole tries of cannon shott pealing, and volleys of small shott continued for the space of three or four hours, insomuch that all in Bergen "supposed the enemye's fleet had assailed them and that they had been wonderfully hotly engaged. The poor souldiers wished they had had but the third part of the value of that that was so vaynly shott awey, to have filled their hongry bellyes.

They of Lillo have taken very rich prisoners, Italians and merchants. The Italians being men of very great qualitie and very well apparelled." *Copy.*

The Same to the Same.

Same date.—It is said the enemy's camp is appointed to rise presently. They remain yet at Turnhout.

Colonel Bax and his brethren under cover of requiring money due for their entertainment, send out soldiers into Guelderland who commit many outrages with horrible murders, unto such as have your Excellency's safeguard and protection, whereby the country is much spoiled. If you would give order that they might be paid out of the contributions of the country it would satisfy them.

Touching Monsieur de "Thorise," I will do my endeavour to compound with the soldiers for him for as reasonable a ransom as I can. *Copy.*

*On the same sheet is a copy of another letter from Lord Willoughby to the Earl of Leicester, dated September* 11, *from Bergen-op-Zoom.*

[The Same] to the Same.

1587, September 18.—"Upon Saturday last at night my selff with some nombre both of horse and foot went out in hope to have done some enterprise upon [ ], but by misfortune two of our wagons, wherin were our chieffest engines and fireworkes, broke by the way and unluckely feil into the water; by meanes whereof our staie being the longer before we came there, and the latter parte of the night proving somewhat light, we were discovered and th'alarme geven before we could come to doe any thing, so that we retorned ymmediately.

At my goyng forth I had geven order to some horsmen of my companie to goe toward the Prince's camp to learne some tongue of their intention, or to see yf they could take any prisoners by whom we might receyve any certan intelligence.

By the way beyond Callempthowt they met yesterday marching hitherward the Marques of Grasta accompanyed with 2500 horse; and thinking me to be abroad, supposed yt had bene my company, and so without dowbt or suspition aproched to them and were overthrowen, some sore hurt and other some taken prisoners; onely of seventeen there escaped but two.

In th'afternoone the alarme came hither to us to Berghen, but with some twenty or thirty horse; wherupon we sallyed, but they staied not our comming, and the Marques himselff came not much neerer then Calempthout; we went within two English miles of them, and so finding some of our men lying there hurt, returned and brought them with us.

Before our men were overthrowen they had taken one that came from Coradin who told them that he heard yt reported from his master that Count Hollack had promised the delivery of Lillo, Huysden, and Gertrudenberghen, to th'enemy, and that for certaine their camp is apoyncted to rise this week; and how like yt is that their disseigne

is for this place, the manner of the Marques his presenting in such sort may geve great presumption.

And besides this bearer, a sergeant of Captain Vredalls, can advertise your Excellencie of certain reportes of Mounsieur la Roche, for which purpose I send him unto yow."

The SAME to [the SAME].

1587, September 22.—*See* "*Five Generations of a Loyal House*," *p.* 134. *Copy.*

The SAME to the SAME.

1587, September.—*See* "*Five Generations of a Loyal House*," *p.* 137. *Copy.*

The BAILIFF, BURGOMASTERS, and SHERIFFS of TERTOLLE, to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1587, October 7 [new style]. Tertolle.—Sending him a present of faggots for the use of the soldiers. *French.*

The SAME to the SAME.

Same date and place.—On the same subject. *French.*

The REPRESENTATIVES of the ESTATE of BRABANT to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1587, October 10 [new style]. Delft.—On behalf of the Estates of Brabant. *French. Two signatures. Signet.*

LOUISE DE COLIGNY, PRINCESS OF ORANGE to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

[1587,] October 23 [new style]. Flushing.—Concerning the release of the Secretary Grimaldi and the Sieur de "Thoures." *French.*

LORD [WILLOUGHBY] to [the EARL OF LEICESTER].

1587, October 14.—Informing him of the capture of a gentleman whose ransom was estimated to be four or five thousand florins.

The SAME to the SAME.

1587, October 16.—The reports of the gentlemen who were brought in prisoners here, touching the great levy of men, preparation of munition, and tools, and instruments for pioneers, is confirmed for certain.

Captain Barnard, a Frenchman who went forth hence, is returned, and advertises for certain that the Governor of West Friesland has marched to the Duke's camp with thirty companies of foot, and four companies of horse. I have also ascertained by some peasants who are come hither that the company from Sluys are already arrived at Turnhout. How far all these occasions may tend to gather the enemies intentions your Excellency can best conceive; wherefore I most humbly beseech you to assist us with the companies that I remembered before unto your Excellency. *Copy.*

[The SAME to the SAME].

1587, October 25. Bergen-op-Zoom.—The enemy's intention for this place is diversely confirmed. There is returned from their camp at Turnhout a drum of mine who ascertaineth me that Sir William Stanley with all his regiment is come thither and that he saw them come

marching in. There were looked for at the camp last night 3,000 new Italians who were marching within a little of them. The Marquis still holds my trumpet, but it is reported by a trumpet of theirs who has come hither that it is for no other occasion but while they have sent to the Prince to know his pleasure touching the former challenge. And it may well be that if they mean to attempt this place, they will the rather enter into the action to draw forth so many brave men into it. Therefore I beseech you to ascertain me of your pleasure therein, and that if we shall proceed in it, that you will lend me a horse and assist us with some new supply of gentlemen for the accomplishment of the same.

I would also ask for some money, which I am utterly without, neither is there any to be borrowed in all the land. I have bestowed much in reinforcing my company and new apparelling them, and cannot have my account for them, but above all other men am least respected by the Treasurer. *Copy.*

[The SAME to the SAME.]

[1587, October.]—Informing him that he had heard from a spy that Mondragon had obtained a footing in the fort of Lillo and intended to make an attempt on it that night. *Copy.*

The SAME to the SAME.

1587, October. Bergen-op-Zoom.—Last night came home my spy. His advertisements were that the Prince is very retired at Brussels, so that none may speak with him. An Abbot from West Friesland arrived lately, making great complaints of our people. There are great rumours of reinforcements, and it is privily whispered that Bergen will be attempted. *Copy.*

[The SAME to the SAME.]

1587, October.—A memorial concerning the pay of the soldiers. *Sent by Captain Salisbury. Copy.*

[The SAME to the SAME.]

1587, October.—A memorial concerning prisoners and the pay of the soldiers. *Sent by Captain Martin. Copy.*

[The SAME to the SAME.]

1587, October.—Defending himself from accusations which had been brought against him, and begging for assistance. *Copy.*

MATTHIAS DE L'OBEL to LORD WILLOUGHBY, Governor of Bergen-op-Zoom.

1587, November 10 [new style]. Middelburg.—Sending him pills and an ointment for a friend; also sending messages to Sir John and the Countess. *French.*

[The SAME to the SAME.]

No date.—Sending pastilles and ointment.

LOUISE DE COLIGNY, PRINCESS OF ORANGE to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1587, November 11 [new style]. Leyden.—Concerning the exchange of the prisoners "de Torreze and Grimaldy" for Monsieur de Teligny. *French. Signed.*

The States General to Lord Willoughby, Governor of Bergen-op-Zoom.

1587, November 17 [new style]. The Hague.—Requesting him to receive George Matruyt as their commissioner. *French. Signed.*

Lord [Willoughby] to ——

[1587, November.]—Relating the ill treatment he had received concerning the prisoners. *Copy.*

Lord [Willoughby] to [the Earl of Leicester].

1587, November 8 [old style]. Bergen-op-Zoom.—As the States make no great haste to send any reinforcement of men, I would require your Excellency that Colonel Fremyn's company might rise from Axell and come hither. The States will succour them more than us "for Pifron depends upon them, and Counte Solmes hathe speciall interest and comaundment in the man. Your Excellencie can judge howe uncertaine yt is is to knowe the enemies resolucon, and how necessarie to prevente the wurste. I doubt not but my Lord Marshall and Jenibell have informed you of our wants."

*Postscript.*—"Mondragon hath begune at Bruxells to conferre about theis matters in hande, being a man well acquainted by his owne practise with the state of theis parts. There is launchett at Antwerpt five hundred flatt bottom boates. They of Lillo looke every foote to be assailed by them and the reste.

All the Italian companies are marched from Turnehoulte to Antwerpe. The Marques of Guasta with his troupes remaine still at Turneholte. It is likelie that shower will fall here with some darke mone, yf you mak us not stronger. They knowe our weakenes and mortalitie.

The Duke of Parma marched yesterdaie to Malines with the newe Italian companies. All the saddles and launces provided are shipped this daie. The Duke is looked for att Antwerpe." *Copy.*

Maillart Maertius to Lord Willoughby, Governor of Bergen-op-Zoom.

1587, November 28 [new style]. Bergen-op-Zoom.—Sending him a letter from Colonel Mondragon. *French. Seal of arms.*

P. Lord Willoughby to the Lord Marshal of the forces in Flanders.

1587, November 19. Bergen-op Zoom.—"I thanke your Lordship for your carefulnes. I know we shall have all things supplied in good will, and attend laizure. I am inforsed to be somewhatt sharp. I know not whence it riseth, but men grow most careles of their duties. When the time most requireth, my officers go hence without leave, and suffers their gardes to be unkepte, so that they ennemy sends and receaves intelligences by corruptions of the gards. And our men runne away daly notwithstanding their hath been proclamed straight penal lawes to sutch garders, and as good order as may be set downe. There is now absent Captain Vavasour's lieutenant without my leave. Himselfe hath been long sick and his auncient also. For want of loking to there hath ben som fault on his gardes. If you would call his lieutenant, sharply reprove him, and cause his Excellencie as of his owne care to have discipline observed, your Lordship shall do good to the service." *Copy.*

[Lord Willoughby to the Earl of Leicester.]

[1587, November.]—A memorial of matters to be considered on his behalf before his Excellency's departure. *Copy.*

Captain Paul Bax to Lord Willoughby, General.

[15]87, December 3 [new style].—A letter of congratulation upon receipt of the news of Lord Willoughby's appointment [as general of the forces], and regret at his departure from Bergen-op-Zoom. *French. Signed.*

Count Maurice of Nassau to Captains John, Paul, and Marsilius, Bax, at Bergen-op-Zoom.

1587, December 12 [new style]. On board the *Biervliet.*—Directing them to proceed with their companies to Stanesand and await his orders there. *French. Signed. Seal of arms.*

Captain Paul Bax to Lord Willoughby, General.

1587, December 16.—Asking him whether they were to obey the orders of Count Maurice. *French. Signet.*

M. Maertius to Lord Willoughby, General of the Infantry.

[15]87, December 16. Bergen-op-Zoom.—Concerning the provision of horses for the cavalry, and enclosing a letter from [Sir William] Read, Governor of Bergen. *French.*

The Estates of Brabant to [Lord Willoughby].

[c. 1587].—Concerning the questions in dispute between them and the States General. *French. Copy.*

Count de Meurs to [Lord Willoughby].

1588, January 22, old style. The Hague.—Informing him that the city of Utrecht was unable any longer to maintain the troop of horse quartered there, and requesting him to remove them to some other quarters. *French. Copy.*

Adolf, Count of Neuwenar to Lord Willoughby, General of the English forces.

1588, January 22, old style. Utrecht.—Informing him that he had heard that Count Hohenlo intended to make an expedition against some of the hostile cities in his government of Guelderland, and promising to give all the assistance in his power. *French. Signed.*

[Lord Willoughby] to —— Deventer, Burgomaster [of Utrecht].

1588, January 24, old style.—Sending the Sergeant Major to confer with him, being unable to come himself on account of indisposition *French. Copy.*

The Burgomaster of Zervol to Lord Willoughby.

1588, February 7, new style.—Enclosing copy of their letters to the Count de Neuwenar and the States General. *German. Copy.*

GERBHARD [TRUCHSESS], Elector of Cologne to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

[15]88, February 10, old style. Houstadyck.—Asking for a convoy for his servant. *French.*

[LORD WILLOUGHBY] to the STATES of UTRECHT.

1588, February 12, new style. The Hague.—Promising to pay the charges for the English troops at Utrecht out of the first moneys received from England. *French. Copy.*

The QUEEN to the STATES GENERAL of Holland.

1587[-8], February 12 [old style]. Greenwich.—Concerning their hostility to persons well disposed to herself. *French. Copy. See State Papers, Holland, Vol.* 50.

The QUEEN to her "cousin," COUNT MAURICE OF NASSAU.

1587[-8], February 13, old style.—On the same subject as the preceding letter. *French. Copy. See State Papers, Holland, Vol.* 50.

The QUEEN to her "cousin," COUNT HOHENLO.

1587[-8], February 13 [old style].—On the same subject. *French. Copy. See State Papers, Holland, Vol.* 50.

The QUEEN to [LORD WILLOUGHBY].

[1588], February [13], old style.—Extracts from a letter to be shewn to the States General. *French. See State Papers, Holland, Vol.* 50, *for an entire copy of the letter in English.*

[The SAME] to the SAME.

1588, February [12 ?, old style.]—Instructions to settle the disputes between the States General and the city of Utrecht, and also to interfere on behalf of Colonel Sonoy and the captains of Naerden, who were unwilling to alter the terms of their oath. *French. Copy.*

The COUNCIL OF STATE to LORD WILLOUGHBY, General of the Queen's forces.

1588, February 23, new style. The Hague.—Requesting him to send orders to the Lieutenant Governor of Bergen op Zoom to permit the company under Colonel Frewin to leave that town and go to Rotterdam. *Signed by* Chr. Huygens. *French. Seal of arms.*

[LORD WILLOUGHBY] to SIR WILLIAM READ.

[15]88, February 23, new style. Utrecht.—Concerning the payment of troops out of the contributions received from Brabant. *French. Copy.*

COUNT MAURICE OF NASSAU.

1588, February 24 [new style]. Horn.—His Excellency having seen an extract of a resolution of the Council of Naerden by which it appears that Captain Rancy having been asked by the said Council if he would obey the patent of his Excellency of Nassau, replied, that according to the charge given him by the Earl of Leicester, he could not quit the place unless his Excellency and their Lordships, the States of Holland, should by deed declare to him that he was no longer obliged to obey the orders of the Earl of Leicester. Wherefore his Excellency, by advice of the deputies of the States of Holland, declares by these presents that the above mentioned captain and all other persons under the government of Holland, Zealand, and Westfriesland, are not bound to obey the orders and commands which the Earl of Leicester laid upon them before his departure. *French. Copy.*

The Council of State to Lord Willoughby.

[15]88, February 26, new style. The Hague.—Recommending him to keep an eye upon Captain Salisbury who was suspected of being in communication with the enemy. *French. Signed by* G. Gilpin.

[Lord Willoughby] to Count Hohenlo.

1588, February 17, old style. Utrecht.—Expostulating with him in the name of the Queen for attacking the house of Councillor Brakel. *French. Copy.*

William Bardesius to the Council of State.

1588, February 27 [new style]. Verwaertshone near Medenblick.—Concerning the disputes about the pay of the soldiers at Medenblick. *French. Copy. See State Papers, Holland, Vol.* 50.

Lord Willoughby to the Council of State.

1588, February 18, old style. Utrecht.—Informing them that Count Brakel had come to him to expostulate at the action of Count Hohenlo who was besieging his castle of Brakel in North Holland. *French. Copy.*

The Council of State to Lord Willoughby.

1588, February 29, new style. The Hague.—Regretting to hear of the attack made by Count Hohenlo on the house of Brakel, and enclosing a copy of the preceding letter. *Signed by* Chr. Huygens. *French. See State Papers, Holland, Vol.* 50.

Lord Willoughby.

1588, February.—A list of the correspondence of Lord Willoughby concerning his charge, during the month of February.

Paul Buys to [Lord Willoughby].

[1588], March 7, new style. Amsterdam.—Concerning the disbanding of the company of Captain James de Rancy. *French. Copy.*

Captain James de Rancy to Colonel Colthagh (?) at Utrecht.

1588, March 8, new style. Naerden.—On the same subject. *French. Signed.*

Gerard Proninck, called Deventer, to Lord Willoughby.

1588, February 29, old style. Utrecht.—On the same subject. *French. Signed.*

The Queen to the States General.

1587[–8], March 12, old style. Greenwich.—Exhorting them to union, and appointing Lord Willoughby and Mr. Killigrew mediators between them. *French. Copy. See State Papers, Holland, Vol.* 51.

The Queen to Count Maurice [of Nassau].

1587[–8], March 18, old style. Greenwich.—Urging him to purge himself from the imputations made upon him in respect to Colonel Sonoy, and informing him of the appointment of Lord Willoughby and Mr. Killigrew to settle the matter. *French. Copy. See State Papers, Holland, Vol.* 51.

MSS. OF THE EARL OF ANCASTER.

LORD WILLOUGHBY to [the STATES GENERAL].

1588, March 25, The Hague.—"Aprez avoir nagueres delivré lettres de sa Majeste et faict certaines propositions de la part dicelle à l'endroict du Collonnel Sonoy, surquoy ont ensuiviz diverses communications de ulterieures procedures, sans touttes fois avoir receu finalle resolutions de V.S., n'ay sceu obmectre pour la discharge de mon devuoir d'advertir sa Majeste sincerement de tout qu'estoit passé. A laquelle il a pleu respondre qu'aiant veu mes lettres addresses taut a sa dite Majeste que aultres, et entendant que la principale cause qu'a esmeu le Collonnel Sonoy a refuser de se conformer à la demande de V. S. estoit en respect du serment pruis à son Excellence, Monsieur le Comte de Leycester comme lieutenant de sa dité Majeste. Et comme depuis le dit Sieur Comte a resigne son gouvernement general qu'il tint pardeca, ce qu'estoit par acte de resignation envoie au Sieur Herbert, estant a cause du quel partement dicelluy n'a esté delivree, sinon puis nagueres quand l'aultre acte estoit renvoie au Sieur Killegrew pour la presenter a V. S. Ce que sa dite Majeste aussi espere estre faict. Je vous ay a declarer qu'icelle entend maintenant que les deux poincts differentiaux touchant la reformation de la commission du dit Sonoy en l'amoindrissement de son garnison en la dite ville soient pas luy cedez et accordez, moyennant qu'il y soit continue en sa charge comme du passe, sur assurance que sa dite Majeste veult que vous soyt faict, qu'il se comportera dorsenavant avecq obeissance a la deue execution de teìs commandements que luy seront faicts de la part de V. S.

Et afin que le dit Collonnel aie cognoissance, tant de la dite asignation, comme aussy que cecy est le plaisir de sa dite Majeste, icelle m'a commande que j'envoiasse quelque gentilhomme de ma part pour d'aultant plus tost adjurer le dit Collonnel a se conformer en ce que dessus, estant en effect aultant que par c'y devant par V. S. n'est presente et requis du dit Sonoy, vous pouvant assurer qu'accordant au plaisir de sa dite Majeste à l'endroict que dessus sera donne singulier contentement a icelle. M'aiant aussi dechargé qu'aprez l'establissement d'ung conseil d'estat selon le contenu du traicte, je m'emploieroy d'assister par touts mouers possibles a viuder et mettre fin a touttes jalousies, diversions, differences, et questions, generalles et particulieres, et que tout ordre souvenable soit mis pour le bien conservation et service du pais." *Three copies, two of which are in Dutch, and one signed by Lord Willoughby.*

The STATES GENERAL to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1588, April 3, new style.—Replying to the proposals made by the Queen on the 12th of February, old style, concerning Colonel Sonoy. *Dutch. Signed:* J. Aerseus. *See State Papers, Holland, Vol.* 51.

The SAME to the SAME.

Same date.—Another copy of the above. *At the end it is stated that this reply was presented to Lord Willoughby by the deputies of the States at his hotel at the Hague on the 4th of April* 1588, *new style.*

SIR JOHN WINGFIELD to the STATES GENERAL.

1588, April 4, new style. Bergen op Zoom.—Warning them against putting too much reliance on the proposals for peace. *French. Copy.*

LORD WILLOUGHBY to the STATES GENERAL.

1588, April 5, new style. The Hague.—Concerning the fitting out of twenty ships by the States. *French. Two copies. Enclosed is a copy of part of a letter from Sir Francis Walsingham on the same subject.*

LORD WILLOUGHBY to his agent, ETIENNE LE SIEUR at Aruheim.

1588, April 6, new style. The Hague.—Concerning the President of the Provincial Council of Friesland who had been confined to his house; and giving orders that no mention was to be made of the President's affairs at the assembly of the States, as the matter was to be settled by the Council of State. *French. Copy.*

LORD WILLOUGHBY to MONSIEUR DE AYSINA, President of [the Council of Friesland].

1588, April 6, new style. The Hague.—To the same effect as the preceding letter. *French. Copy.*

HESSEL AYSINA to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1588, April 6, new style. Leuwarden.—Informing him of the arrival in that town of Monsieur Poelgeest, Secretary Zuylen and Pensionary Copper, who had been sent there by the States General at the request of the deputies. *French.*

COUNT WILLIAM LOUIS OF NASSAU to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1588, March 27, old style. Leuwarden.—" J'ay receu vos lettres et complains avec vous le miserable estat de ce pouvre pais, tant plus qu'il semble que quelques uns que le desiroient soulager et cercher remedes vont augmentans les miseres et accelerans sa mine. Dieu face qu'ils se recognoissent quelque jour, et que toutes les dissensions et dissidences osteés, nous puissions unanimement travailler a l'augmentation de sa gloire et conservation de son eglise, laquelle n'est environné que de trop d'ennemiz mortels, ayant jure son extirpation, sans que par discorde domestique nous la nuisions nous mesmes. Quant a moy je m'esforcerai pour demour toujours le mesme en continuant de plus en plus la sainte querelle pour laquelle beaucoup de mes proches parens ont laissé leur vies, y ayant aussi dedié la mienne quand il plaira à Dieu; et ne laisserai en ce petit gouvernement mien de faire mon possible, a fin que les discordes puissent estre assopies et deracineés.

Les estats de Frize ne sont pas assembleés pour le present, mais je communiquerai vos lettres avec leur deputez ordinaires, pour adviser ensemble en diligence de tout ce qui sera necessaire en ung affaire di si grande importance, voire, dont depend tout ce qui nous doit estre le plus recommandé en ce monde." *Signed. Seal of arms.*

LORD WILLOUGHBY to CAPTAIN RANCY.

1588, April 6, new style. The Hague.—Concerning the movement of troops. *French. Copy.*

ADOLF, COUNT OF NEUWENAR to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1588, March 27, old style. Arnheim.—Concerning the movements of troops. *French. Signed.*

[LORD WILLOUGHBY] to the STATES GENERAL.

1588, April 7, new style. The Hague.—Concerning the movements of troops. *French. Copy.*

COLONEL SONOY to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1588, April 7, new style. The Castle and house of Medenblick.—Assuring him of the good understanding which subsisted in that town between the well disposed inhabitants and the soldiery. *French translation from the Flemish. Copy.*

CAPTAIN DE SOISSONS and another to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1588, April 9 [new style]. Naerden.—Informing him of an attempt by the enemy on the town of Amersfoort. *French. Signed.*

CAPTAIN RANCY.

1588, March 30, old style. Utrecht.—An account of the examination of Captain Rancy made by G. de Proninck, concerning the condition of the town of Naerden. *French. Signed.*

The MAGISTRATES OF UTRECHT to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1588, March 30 [old style].—On business. *Dutch. Seal of arms.*

LORD WILLOUGHBY to the MAGISTRATES OF UTRECHT.

1588, March 31, old style. The Hague.—An answer to the preceding letter. *Dutch. Copy.*

The STATES GENERAL to the MAGISTRATES OF UTRECHT.

1588, April 11, new style.—Concerning the affairs of Captain Rancy. *Dutch. Copy.*

The STATES OF HOLLAND to the MAGISTRATES OF UTRECHT.

1588, April 11, new style. The Hague.—On the same subject. *Dutch. Copy.*

LORD WILLOUGHBY to COUNT MAURICE OF NASSAU.

1588, April 11, new style. The Hague.—Concerning the affairs of Sir William Drury. *French. Copy.*

LOUISE DE COLIGNY, PRINCESS OF ORANGE to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1588, April 11, new style. Middelburg.—On behalf of a soldier named Saint Laurent, a native of the town of Orange, who had been imprisoned. *French. Signed.*

COUNT MAURICE OF NASSAU to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1588, April 2, old style. The Hague.—Concerning Colonel Sonoy. *Dutch. Signed. Eleven pages.*

COUNT MAURICE OF NASSAU to the STATES GENERAL.

1588, April 12, new style. The Hague.—Begging that Sir William Drury might be relieved from the governorship of the town of Bergen-op-Zoom. *French. Copy.*

LORD WILLOUGHBY to the CAPTAINS, OFFICERS, and SOLDIERS, OF NAERDEN.

1588, April 13, new style.—Concerning Colonel Dorp. *Dutch. Copy.*

LORD WILLOUGHBY to CAPTAIN SOISSONS and another.

1588, April 13 [new style]. The Hague.—An answer to their letter of the 9th of April new style. *French. Copy.*

LORD WILLOUGHBY to the MAGISTRATES OF UTRECHT.

1588, April 3, old style.—Concerning the movement of troops. *Dutch. Copy.*

LORD WILLOUGHBY to H. KILLIGREW, SIR WILLIAM REED, SIR JOHN MILFORD, and GEORGE GILPIN.

1588, April 3, old style. The Hague.— Authorising them to proceed to Medenblick, in his place, to confer with Colonel Sonoy. *Dutch. Two Copies.*

The STATES OF UTRECHT to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1588, April 5, old style. Utrecht.—Stating their inability to continue their payment of the troops. *Dutch.*

The MAGISTRATES OF UTRECHT to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1588, April 5 [old style].—On the same subject. *Dutch.*

LORD WILLOUGHBY to COUNT MAURICE OF NASSAU.

1588, April 6, old style. Utrecht.—Concerning Captain Rancy. *Copy.*

G. DE PRONINCK to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1588, April 6, old style. Utrecht—Concerning Captain Rancy. *French. Signed.*

The SAME to the SAME.

1588, April 7 [old style]. Utrecht.—Sending Captain Blunt to him. *French. Signed.*

[LORD WILLOUGHBY] to the MAGISTRATES OF UTRECHT.

1588, April 7, old style.—An answer to their letter of the 5th April. *Dutch. Copy.*

[LORD WILLOUGHBY] to the STATES OF UTRECHT.

1588, April 8, old style. The Hague.—In answer to their letter of the 5th of April old style. *French. Copy.*

The STATES OF OVERYSSEL to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1588, April 8, old style. Kampen.—Thanking him for propositions brought to them by Monsieur le Sieur. *Dutch. Seal of arms.*

The STATES OF UTRECHT to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1588, April 11. Utrecht.—Concerning the advances of money required for the support of the English garrison. *Dutch.*

MSS. OF THE EARL OF ANCASTER.

The States General to Lord Willoughby.

1588, April 21, new style. The Hague.—Informing him that they were sending the Sieur de Vanderbek, pensionary of Flushing, to Bergen-op-Zoom. *French. Seal of arms.*

The Same to the Same.

Same date and place.—Requesting him to send reinforcements to Bergen-op-Zoom. *French. Seal of arms.*

G. de Proninck to Lord Willoughby.

1588, April 12, old style. Utrecht.—Concerning the supply of horses for the army. *French. Signed.*

The States of Zealand to Lord Willoughby.

1588, April 22, new style. Middelburg.—Hoping that all the differences which had arisen in that island might be settled. *French. Seal of arms.*

[Lord Willoughby] to Count de Meurs.

1588, April 13, old style. Medenblick—Concerning the movements of troops, and the unwillingness of the city of Utrecht to receive his company for a few days. *French. Copy.*

The Ministers of Medenblick to Lord Willoughby.

1588, April 24, new style. Medenblick.—Petition on behalf of the oppressed citizens of Medenblick, and particularly those of the reformed religion. *Latin. Copy.*

Captain James Cristal to Lord Willoughby.

1588, April 25, new style. Medenblick.—Asking for his arrears of pay. *Latin. Signed.*

P. Lord Willoughby to Colonel Sonoy, and the officers and soldiers of Medenblick.

1588, April 25, new style. Medenblick.—Declaration promising payment of the arrears due to them. *Three copies; two in Dutch, one of which is signed by Lord Willoughby, and one in French.*

The Soldiers of Medenblick to Lord Willoughby.

1588, April 25, new style. The Castle of Medenblick.—In answer to the preceding declaration, and asking that the payments might be made with as little delay as possible. *Two copies, one in Dutch, one in French.*

[Lord Willoughby] to the Magistrates of Bergen-op-Zoom.

[15]88, April 25, new style. Medenblick.—Notifying them of the appointment of Sir William Drury as governor of their town, and requesting their good offices on his behalf. *French. Copy.*

[Lord Willoughby] to the Magistrates of Utrecht.

1588, April 15, old style. Medenblick.—Regretting that he had not been able to come to Utrecht and settle matters there, in consequence of the troubles at Medenblick. *French. Copy.*

[Lord Willoughby] to Count Hohenlo.

1588, April 16, old style. Medenblick.—Sending him a copy of a letter he had received from Gertrudenburg, and promising to come to meet him at Dordrecht. *French. Copy.*

Adolf, Count of Neuwenar to Lord Willoughby.

1588, April 17, old style. Utrecht.—Promising to send him fifty horses to Arnheim. *French. Signed.*

Lord Willoughby to the States of Friesland.

1588, April 27, new style. Medenblick—Expostulating with them for the ill-treatment received by President Hessel Aysina and other persons who were well disposed to the Queen. *French. Copy.*

The States General to Lord Willoughby.

1588, April 27, new style. The Hague.—Asking him to be at the Hague by the following Monday in order to be present at the installation of the Council of State. *French. Seal of arms.*

[Lord Willoughby] to the States General.

1588, April 19, old style. Medenblick.—Promising to come to the Hague as soon as possible. *French. Copy.*

Count Maurice of Nassau to the Magistrates of Enkhuizen.

1588, April 30, new style. Medenblick.—Concerning the punishment of certain soldiers who had spoken ill of the Queen of England, on board ship before Medenblick. *Dutch. Copy.*

[Lord Willoughby] to the Inhabitants of Medenblick.

1588, April 30, new style—Proclamation for the pacification and settlement of all the disputes and differences which had arisen in Medenblick. *French. Copy.*

The States General to the Magistrates of Nuarden.

1588, May 6 [old style]. The Hague.—Concerning Colonel Dorp. *Dutch. Copy.*

The Queen to the States General.

[15]88, May 30, new style.—Concerning the ill treatment which Colonel Schenck complained of having received at their hands. *French. Copy. See State Papers, Foreign, Holland, Vol. 53, same date.*

Colonel Schenck.

[15]88, May 30, new style.—Questions addressed to the Council of State on behalf of Colonel Schenck, with their answers thereto. *French. Copy. Enclosed in the preceding letter. See State Papers, Foreign, Holland, Vol. 53, same date.*

Lord Willoughby to the Garrison of Vere.

1588, June 20, new style. Middelburg.—A proclamation. *Dutch. Copy.*

LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1588, July.—A list of the papers concerning the charge of Lord Willoughby in the Low Countries, during the month of July 1588. *French. This list corresponds with the papers calendared.*

COLONEL FREMIN to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1588, July 1, new style. Bergen[-op-Zoom].—Concerning the loss of the castle of Wouw. *Seal of arms.*

LEONARDO — to his "brother" MONSIEUR D'AMANT, Chancellor of Brabant and President of Flanders, at Madrid.

1588, July 3, new style Brussels.—"Nous sommes icy attendant d'heure a aultre l'arivee de l'armee navale dont la Capitaine Morosino nous en at grandement augmente l'espoir par ces nouvelles de l'avoir laissee en mer, dont il en arriva nagueres a Dunkerche, et vous asseure qu'elle nous fait icy grand besoing pour descouvrir l'intention de ces deputez d'Angleterre quy semblent n'altendre pour se resouldre par tant de longueurs, que a quelle fin qu'elle demandrat, pour en ce cas se determiner. Mais l'opinion de plusieurs est que n'aurons repos que de la veoir victorieuse, dont son Altese se tient tout prest a la recorder au poinct de son arrivee avecq bon nombre de batteaux bien esquippes, esperant que Dieu nous armerat de vigueur, donnant la crainte aux ennemis, puisque c'est pour l'augmentation de sa gloire et l'advancement de notre liberte. Nous en verrons en peu de jours quelque effect." *Two copies. Endorsed "Littre intercepte."*

[LORD WILLOUGHBY] to the STATES of OVERYSSEL.

1588, July 4, new style. The Hague.—Urging them to keep on good terms with the Council of State and the United Provinces. *Dutch. Copy.*

[LORD WILLOUGHBY] to the GOVERNORS and other officers of the towns of Friesland.

1588, July 4, new style. The Hague.—A safe conduct for the bearer, Aysina, who was a messenger from the Queen. *French. Copy.*

LORD WILLOUGHBY to the COUNCIL OF STATE.

1588, July 4. The Hague.—Stating that as the Queen had refused to allow a cessation of arms to the Prince of Parma, it was very important that the towns of Bergen-op-Zoom and Ostend should be well supplied with ammunition and provisions. *French. Copy.*

LORD WILLOUGHBY to the MAGISTRATES of DORDRECHT.

1588, July 7, new style. The Hague.—Thanking them for supplying his company with oats. *French. Copy.*

LORD WILLOUGHBY to MONSIEUR DU FAY, ambassador from the King of Navarre.

1588, July 7, new style. The Hague.—Concerning three French soldiers who had deserted. *French. Copy.*

ELIAS LE LEON "Drossart" (Judge) of Bergen-op-Zoom to LORD WILLOUGHBY, at the Hague.

1888, July 8, new style. Bergen-op-Zoom.—Asking that Sir William Drury might not be removed from the governorship of the town. *French.*

LORD WILLOUGHBY to MONSIEUR DANSICK, French Ambassador to Denmark.

1588, July 8, new style. The Hague.—"De l'estat des Provinces Unies des Pays Bas, a la defense et protection desquelles je tiens presentement la bonne main, suivant la charge a moy donnee par sa Majeste d' Angleterre, ma maistresse, je ne vous escry rien en particulier, car j'estime qu'aves entendu que les affaires, gloire au Seigneur, y sont presentement en estat fort raisonnable, veu que depuis la perte de la ville de L'Ecluze en Flandre, l'ennemi n'a riens execute a son advaintaige. Bien est vray que du passe. plusieurs occurrences ont este icy a la main, lesquelles on en pen juger n'estre advantaigeuses au bien publique. Mais comme de present ces incidens sont redresse, j'espere que les affaires de pardecha, par la grace du Seigneur, s'achemineront dorsenavant de jour a autre de bien en mieux, comme plus particuliere-ment pourres entendre par Messieurs les Embassadeurs de ces Provinces qui s'acheminent pardela. Touchant les affaires d'Angleterre j'entens qu'on y ratent l'ennemy en bonne devotion." *Copy.*

GEBHARD [TRUCHSESS] ELECTOR OF COLOGNE to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1588, July 1, old style. Houstardyck.—Sending M. de Dort, Heinrich Carven, Secretary of the Court Palatine, and the Licentiate Lodingius, to confer with him. *French. Signed. Seal of Arms.*

[LORD WILLOUGHBY] to the ELECTOR OF COLOGNE.

1588, July 11, new style. The Hague.—Regretting that he would be unable to come to visit him for two days. *French. Copy.*

[LORD WILLOUGHBY] to [ELIAS DE LEON], "Drossart" of Bergen-op-Zoom.

1588, July 13, new style. The Hague.—Asking for the release of a prisoner. *French. Copy.*

LORD WILLOUGHBY to the STATES OF OVERYSSELL.

1588, July 16, new style. The Hague.—On the same subject as the preceding letter to them of the 4th of July new style. *Dutch. Copy.*

[LORD WILLOUGHBY] to the STATES OF FRIESLAND.

1588, July 8, old style. The Hague.—Concerning the treaty of peace with the Spaniards. *French. Copy.*

LORD WILLOUGHBY to the STATES GENERAL.

1588, July 18, new style The Hague.—Proposition concerning the two thousand soldiers which the Queen wished to withdraw from Holland on condition that they should supply properly the towns of Bergen-op-Zoom and Ostend. *Dutch. Copy.*

The States General.

1588, July 18, new style. The Hague.—Resolutions of the States General on the same subject. *Two copies, one in Dutch, one in French.*

The Council of State.

1588, July 19, new style. The Hague.—The opinion of the Council of State on the preceding resolutions. *Two copies, one in Dutch, one in French.*

The States General.

1588, July 20, new style. The Hague.—The resolution of the States General based on the opinion of the Council of State. *Two copies, one in Dutch, one in French.*

Sir William Drury to Lord [Willoughby].

1588, July 20, new style. Bergen-op-Zoom.—Informing him that the commissary of supplies at Bergen-op-Zoom refused to provide for the company of Colonel Fremin. *French. Copy.*

[Lord Willoughby] to [Elias de Leon,] "Drossart" of Bergen-op-Zoom.

1588, July 10, old style. Dordrecht.—Asking him to see to the better accommodation of his troop of cavalry. *French. Copy.*

[Lord Willoughby] to Arnoult Nicolay, President of the Council of Holland.

1588, July 20, new style.—Asking that prompt justice might be done in the suit of Robert Streat. *Dutch. Copy.*

Lord Willoughby to the "Escoutelle" of Dordrecht.

1588, June (July) 22, new style. Middelburg.—Sending him a sum of four hundred flemish florins. *French. Copy.*

The States General and the Council of State.

1588, July 22 new style—"*Solution des difficultes trouvees en l'instruction de Conseil d'Etat par les Etats Generaux.*" *Translation from the Dutch into French.*

The Pensionary Roels, Secretary to the States of Zealand to Lord Willoughby.

1588, July 23, new style. Middelburg.—A complimentary letter. *French. Signet.*

Adolf, Count of Neuwenar to Lord Willoughby.

1588, July 13, old style. Utrecht.—Sending William de Boerkholt, *Drossart* for his Countship of Meurs, and another, to confer with him on behalf of the inhabitants of his said countship. *French. Signed.*

[Lord Willoughby] to the Count de Meurs.

1588, July 30, new style. The Hague.—Asking him to give free passage to forty arquebusiers of the company of Colonel Morgan, and the same number of the company of Captain Champernowne, who were on their way to England. *French. Copy.*

[The Same] to the Same.

1588, July 31, new style. The Hague.—Asking him to assist Captain (sic) Morgan in recruiting his company. *French. Copy.*

[Adolph, Count of Neuwenar] to the Queen.

1588, August 5, old style. Utrecht.—Declaring his readiness for union and to settle the dissensions lately arisen. *French. Copy. The original is among the State Papers, Holland, Vol.* 56.

[Adolf, Count of Neuwenar] to Sir Francis Walsingham.

1588, August 5, old style. Utrecht.—To the same effect as the preceding. *French. Copy. The original is among the State Papers, Holland, Vol.* 56.

[Adolf, Count of Neuwenar] to the Earl of Leicester.

1588, August 5, old style. Utrecht.—To the same effect as the preceding. *French. Copy.*

Lord Willoughby to [Thomas] Killigrew.

1588, August 25, new style. Middelburg.—Concerning the movements of troops. *French. Copy.*

The Queen to the States General.

1588, August 27 [old style]. St. James'.—Appointing Colonel Morgan to be governor of Bergen-op-Zoom in the place of Sir William Drury. *French. Copy.*

Sir William Drury to Lord Willoughby, at Middelburg.

1588, September 6, new style. Bergen-op-Zoom.—Informing him that the enemy were marching in great numbers towards Brabant, and had already come to Wilbrouck and Nil, and that they were expected to lay siege to Bergen-op-Zoom, and asking for assistance. *French. Signed. Seal of arms. Enclosed in a list of supplies required.*

G. de Proninck or Deventer to Lord Willoughby.

1588, September 8, new style. Dordrecht.—Informing him that the states and magistrates of that city and provinces were sending, upon the advice of the Count of Neuwenar, a hundred soldiers to his assistance. *French. Signed.*

Adolf, Count of Neuwenar to Lord Willoughby.

1588, August 31, old style. Utrecht.—Informing him that he had been obliged to move the cavalry of Captain Morgan from Rhenen to Amersfoort, and to move the troop of Monsieur Boris from Amersfoort, and garrison them at Wageningen and Rhenen. *French. Signed. Signet.*

[LORD WILLOUGHBY] to RICHARD ALIN.

1588, August 31, old style.—Instructions to proceed to Count [Maurice] of Nassau and inform him that the Duke of Parma had arrived at Antwerp and that he was expected to attack Bergen-op-Zoom. He was to ask the Count to beg the States to send supplies of ammunition, provisions, and men, to that town, and he was to address himself to Messieurs Killigrew and Gilpin for their advice in everything. *French. Copy.*

[LORD WILLOUGHBY] to COMMISSARY DIERTYTS.

[15]88, September 12, new style. Bergen-op-Zoom.—Giving orders for the supply of provisions and ammunition for the use of the five companies of infantry sent by the States General for the defence of the town. *French. Copy.*

LORD WILLOUGHBY to COUNT [MAURICE] OF NASSAU.

1588, September 12, new style. Bergen-op-Zoom.—Asking for reinforcements and especially for a supply of provisions. *French. Copy.*

[LORD WILLOUGHBY] to the QUEEN.

1588, September 4 [old style]. Middleburg.—"There hath not wanted in my unworthie selfe any earnest desire to have long ere this presented that duetie to your most Excellent Majestie which I desire above all thinges in the world to accomplish, but onely some good occasions, knowing it most unfit for Princes—whose cares are infinite, though their perfections be excellent—to be incombred with impertinent causes. But now the hazarde of your Majesty's bravest troopes on the side, trayned up with your Majesty's great charge, together with the reputation of the nation and your speciall service, yf th'enemy should be incouraged by the defeate of your subjects, having turned his forces from his sea journey hither, seemed unto me matters worthie your Majestie's consideracon, concurring in this accident of th'enemies presenting before Berghes, which place, when we were not divided, exceeded not above 1200 men, and the place not tenable with as many more in all martiall men's opinion. In these great occasions I have presumed to breake silence, which might ells have become me better—and with the unfained offerings of my life and fortune, from the first time thereof to the last end vowed to your sacred self—to know your Majesty's pleasure how I shall employ my self, holding this place I unworthely doe for your Majestie. And having no meanes of men, money, or provision, to succour them from the States of this side, I can conceive no certain way to incourage or relieve them, but with communitie of the perill to spend my life together with them—in the place —for your Majesty's service." *Copy.*

[LORD WILLOUGHBY] to G. GILPIN.

1588, September 14, new style. Middleburg.—Sending him a letter to be delivered to the Council of State. *French. Copy.*

LORD WILLOUGHBY to the COUNCIL OF STATE.

1588, September 14, new style. Middelburg.—Concerning the persons by whom despatches to the Council of State should be signed, and also concerning the oath to be administered to the soldiers in Holland. *French. Copy.*

The Council of State to Lord Willoughby.

1588, September 14, new style. The Hague.—Concerning supplies of provisions and reinforcements of men. *French. Seal of arms.*

Lord Willoughby to John Houstin.

[15]88, September 15, new style.—Instructions as to the demands to be made by him to the Council of State on behalf of Lord Willoughby with regard to the supplies required. *French. Copy.*

The States of Utrecht to Lord Willoughby.

1588, September 6, old style. Utrecht.—On the same subject. *Dutch.*

Adolf, Count of Neuwenar to Lord Willoughby.

1588, September 6, old style. Utrecht.—Regretting that it was impossible for him to send the companies of Colonel Morgan and Captain Champernowne to Bergen-op-Zoom until the soldiers when he had sent to the assistance of Colonel Schenck at "Bon," by order of the Council of State, should return. *French. Signed. Signet.*

The Magistrates of Utrecht to Lord Willoughby.

1588, September 7, old style.—Concerning the removal of the companies of soldiers under Captain Morgan and Captain Champernowne. *Dutch. Seal of arms.*

Sir William Drury to Lord Willoughby.

1588, September 17, new style. Bergen-op-Zoom.—Giving an account of a skirmish with the enemy, and reputing the capture of a soldier with letters, coming from Breda. *French. Signed.*

The Council of State to Lord Willoughby.

1588, September 19, new style. The Hague.—Requesting him to act in concert with Count Solms who was then at Teitholz. *French. Signed* Chr. Huygens.

Colonel Fremin to Lord Willoughby.

1588, September 10, old style. Bergen-op-Zoom.—Asking for a passport written in Latin, on parchment, and signed and sealed. *French. Signed.*

Lord Willoughby to the Council of State.

1588, September 12, new style.—Proposals on behalf of the Queen for changing certain troops of cavalry into foot soldiers. *French. Copy.*

Odoardo Lansanaja to Lord Willoughby.

1588, September 20, new style. Breda.—Asking for the release of his son. *French. Signed.*

Lord Willoughby.

1588, September 22, new style. The Hague.—Regulations as to the issue of soldier's passes. *French. Copy.*

[LORD WILLOUGHBY] to CAPTAIN CHARLES DANEGILES (?).

1588, September 13, old style. The Hague.—Ordering him to proceed with his company to Bergen-op-Zoom. *French. Copy.*

The COUNCIL OF STATE to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1588, September 24, new style. The Hague.—Informing him that they had sent Colonel Morgan to Bergen-op-Zoom to take command there in the place of Sir William Drury, to whom they had announced their intention by Commissary Parasis. *French. Signed* Chr. Huygens. *Seal of arms.*

The MAGISTRATES OF ZERICKZEE to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1588, September 25, new style. Zerickzee.—Sending him a supply of provisions. *Dutch.*

The STATES OF ZEALAND to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1588, September 26, new style. Middelburg.—Informing him that they had sent assistance to Bergen-op-Zoom. *French. Seal of arms.*

The SAME to the SAME.

Same date and place.—On the same subject as the preceding. *French.*

J. VAN HOULT to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1588, September 16, old style. Middelburg.—Giving an account of his journey and of his negotiations with the Council of State, and also informing him that the Duke of Parma was said to be gone to Breda and to be very ill. *French.*

The COUNCIL OF STATE to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1588, September 26, new style. The Hague.—Sending a list of the supplies which they had sent to Bergen-op-Zoom. *Signed* "Chr. Huygens." *French. Seal of arms.*

COUNT MAURICE OF NASSAU to LORD [WILLOUGHBY].

1588, September 27, new style. Huypen.—Informing him that he had good reason to believe that the enemy had relations with the town of Bergen-op-Zoom, and that they were only pretending to lay siege to it until their accomplices could carry out their wicked designs. *French. Copy.*

ADOLF, COUNT OF NEUWENAR to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1588, September 17, old style. Utrecht.—Asking him to send him a patent by virtue of which he could exact obedience from the English soldiers in that city. *French. Signed. Signet.*

The COUNCIL OF STATE to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1588, September 27, new style. The Hague.—Sending him back the prisoner, D'Ayala, for the purpose of discovering who were the persons who were in communication with the enemy. *French. Signed* G. Gilpin. *Seal of arms.*

JACQUES TUTELERT to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1588, September 27. Lillo.—Sending him six gunners for the service of Bergen-op-Zoom, by order of the States of Zealand. *French. Signed.*

HANS VAN LOO to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1588, September 18, old style. Doesburg.—Asking for arrears of pay. *French. Signed.*

[LORD WILLOUGHBY] to the COUNCIL OF STATE.

1588, September 28, new style. Bergen-op-Zoom.—Asking them to send the reinforcements which were promised to him before he left the Hague. *French. Copy.*

The COUNCIL OF STATE to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1588, September 28, new style. The Hague.—Directing him to husband all the provisions and ammunition which had been sent [to Bergen-op-Zoom], and not to touch the magazine except in case of necessity; also to see that the "*vivandiers*" and other persons accustomed to supply armies with provisions, were on the spot; and to send a list of all the stores which had been received. *French. Seal of arms.*

The SAME to the SAME.

1588, September 29, new style. The Hague.—Asking him to give all assistance to the commissary who was being sent to Bergen-op-Zoom with money for the payment of the Dutch troops there. *French. Signed* Chr. Huygens.

LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1588, September [20, old style]. Bergen-op-Zoom.—Proclamation appointing Sir William Drury to the command of all the English companies in the forts adjoining the town of Bergen-op-Zoom. *Copy.*

THOMAS SUIGO and PEDRO DE LUGO to the DUKE OF PARMA.

[1588], October 15 [new style ?]. Bergen-op-Zoom.—Concerning the proposed betrayal of the North Fort. *Spanish. Copy.*

THOMAS SUIGO and PEDRO DE LUGO to SIR WILLIAM STANLEY.

[1588], October 15 [new style ?]. Bergen-op-Zoom.—On the same subject. *Spanish. Copy. On the same sheet as the preceding.*

The QUEEN to LORD WILLOUGHBY, Lieutenant Governor in the Low Countries.

1588, October 9. The Manor of St. James's.—*See Five Generations of a Loyal House, p.* 225. *Sign Manual.*

JOHN OWEN to THOMAS SUIGO.

1588, October 9 [old style ?]. The Camp.—I doubt not that your readiness to serve will "fynd fould recompens and satisfacon att the Duke's hands if it plese God it be performed and go forward; if nott, your good will is alwayes to be respected and considred as occasion shalbe presented. Whatt was reqyred in your leters in your behalf is granted by the Duke, assuredly, and whatt more as shall apere by the same.

MSS. OF THE EARL OF ANCASTER.

I am very glad for your own frends and others that it was your hope to enter into this matter, and shall be gladest of all if it be brought to end, which we desire, assuringe you thatt when I may stand you in sted, you shall be assured of me in all I can." *Copy.*

The DUKE OF PARMA to WILLIAM GRIMSTON.

1588, October 8 [old style?].—Articles for rendering the fort called the New Sconce, at the head of Bergen-op-Zoom. *See State Papers, Holland, Vol. 58, same date.*

BERGEN-OP-ZOOM.

1588, October 10 [old style].—A list of soldiers taken prisoner at the North Fort. *Spanish.*

The SAME.

[1588, October.]—An account of the attempt to betray the North Fort into the hands of the Duke of Parma by Suigo and Lugo. *Three narratives, all imperfect.*

LORD WILLOUGHBY.

[1588, October.]—A list of his correspondence and papers for the month of October. *Nearly illegible.*

JOHN CEPORINUS, Minister of Medenblick to LORD WILLOUGHBY.

[c. 1588.]—A complimentary poem. *Latin.*

LORD [WILLOUGHBY] to the STATES GENERAL.

1589, January 25, old style. The Hague.—Stating that he had done nothing concerning the expedition to Portugal except what he had been commanded by the Queen. *See State Papers, Holland, Vol. 61, same date. French. Copy. Attached to this copy is a draft of another letter from Lord Willoughby to the States General, which was not sent.*

The STATES GENERAL to the MAGISTRATES of Bergen-op-Zoom.

1589, March 8, old style. The Hague.—Concerning musters. *Dutch. Copy. See a French translation in the States Papers, Holland, Vol. 62, same date.*

CAPTAIN WOLFUNCKLE to LORD [WILLOUGHBY].

1589, April 18, new style. Ostend.—Asking for an appointment. *Dutch.*

GERTRUDENBURG.

[1589, after April.]—A statement of facts concerning the siege of Gertrudenburg, written by Lord Willoughby for the purpose of explaining a *placeat* published by the States General of Holland on the 17th April 1589. *French. Copy signed by Lord Willoughby.*

The SAME.

[Same date.]—A list of papers relating to the preceding pamphlet. *French.*

The Same.

Same date.—A printed copy of the last two documents. *French. On the first page it is stated to be a translation from the English.*

Lord [Willoughby] to the Lords of the Council.

Same date.—On the same subject. *Copy.*

The Queen to Lord Willoughby and Eresby, Captain General of the forces sent in France.

1589, November 9. The Manor of Richmond.—*See Five Generations of a Loyal House, p.* 274. *Sign Manual.*

News from France.

1589, November 15, old style.—An account by Lord Willoughby of the doings of the French King from October 31 to November 8th. *Copy. See State Papers, France, Vol.* 94. *November* 14.

Monsieur de Guitry to Lord Willoughby.

1589, December 6.—"J'ay faict entendre au Roy ce que m'avez escrit. Vous verres sa vollonte par sa letre. Je vous puis asseurer qu'il n'a donne ny ne donnera congez a aucun Anglois que par vostre adviys, et qu'il ne veult que les trouppes se desbendent et separent, mais au contraire, il veullt que marchies ensemble, et dans quelque temps il vous permetera vous retirer ainsi comme il vous a promis. J'ay faict donner des logis dans la ville du Mans pour les Anglois mallades et blesses." *Also a copy of the above in a later hand.*

Lord Willoughby.

1589, December.—Notes of his answer to the letter from the Lords of the Council received the 15th December 1589.

Lord Willoughby to Sir Francis Walsingham.

1589[–90], January 8. Dives.—"Having so convenient a messenger as this bearer, Monsieur Parrat, who is sent over by the King, I could not let him passe without some remembrance of my love and affection unto yow. Our troopes are already all come downe hither to Dives, some of the sick men are already sent over, other some now ready to be shipped." *Signed.*

The Same to the Same.

1589[–90], January 9.—"The ill newes of the unhappy incounter betwixt Sir William Drury and Sir Jhon Burgh, cannot but as it fell to sone, be reported sone inough, notwithstandinge the mischance being, as it is, not remediable. I would not let passe the good that may by your good favour happen thereby to this honest, valiaunt gentleman, the sergant major of my regiment, for that company in Flushing which of late appertained to the said Sir William Drury while he lived." *Signed.*

[Francis] Panigarola to the Duke of Savoy.

[c. 1590.]—An account of the state of France, divided into five heads, under the first of which he gives an account of things past and present; under the second he prophecies of the future; under the third

he treats of the remedies so far as concerns the choice of a new king; under the fourth he points out the disposition and intentions of France in the choice of a King; and under the fifth he shews the Duke what he can do for his own service. Finally he gives him a short sketch of the characters of the principal persons, male and female, who were interested in the affairs of France. *French. Copy.*

The LORDS of the COUNCIL to LORD WILLOUGHBY of Eresby.

1594, August 11. Greenwich.—Directing him to call together Sir George St. Pole, and Philip Tyrwhitt, Anthony Ersby, William Pelham, William Watson, William Rigdon, and Gregory Wolmer, Esquires, or such of them as he should think meet, to enquire into certain charges brought against the Earl of Lincoln. *Nine signatures.*

LORD WILLOUGHBY to the EARL OF ESSEX, Master of the Horse.

1595, June 14. Emden.—"Since my arrivall at Huosden (Huisduinen) by contrary whether in a bad hoy, I passed by land to Meddenblick, to Staveren, to Lewarden, to Groningen, and the Ems, to Emden, having had no convenient meanes in all my passage to send unto your Lordship till I came hether; and sutch accidents as either from the Earle's Chancelour or the towne's relation, I could busily collect I send your Lordship."

*Postscript.*—"Her Majesty askinge me of my retorn, I told har if I could I would be at hoame at Michelmas. But having pas'd this spring alredy, if I shall find good of the next fall, I hope har Majesty will by your Lordship's good meanes excuse me for the benefit of the spring to come also, especyally my licence being so large."

*This and the subsequent letters from Lord Willoughby to the Earl of Essex were given to the Earl of Lindsey by John Castle, clerk to the Lord Privy Seal.*

The SAME to the SAME.

1595, June 16. Emden.—Recommending to his favour certain merchants of Emden whose ship, homeward bound from "Fernandobuck" in Brazil had been seized by an English man-of-war off Lisbon. *Signed. Seal of arms.*

The SAME to the SAME.

1596, August 28.—Asking for his interest with the Queen that he might obtain the Governorship of Berwick. *Signed. Signet. See Five Generations of a Loyal House, p.* 317.

The SAME to the SAME.

1596, September 12. Knatsall.—On the same subject. *Signed. See Five Generations of a Loyal House, p.* 319.

The SAME to the SAME.

1596, November.—Enclosing a paper for his perusal.

The SAME to [the SAME?].

[1596, November?]—Concerning the draining of the fens. *Signed.*

The SAME to the SAME.

1596, November.—Informing him that he had sent a copy of his paper, by Sir John Buck, to the Lord Treasurer. *Signet.*

The Same to [the Same].

[1596, November.]—Asking for his interest with the Queen that he might be appointed guardian to the child of Sir John Buck who had died the previous night. *See Five Generations of a Loyal House, p.* 320.

The Same to the Same.

1596, November 22.—Asking for his interest with the lieutenant and the other commissioners for soldiers in Lincolnshire that the bearer might have the place of muster master in that county in the room of Sir John Buck. *Signed. See Five Generations of a Loyal House, p.* 534.

Lord Willoughby to [the Earl of Essex].

[15]96[-7], January 7.—Sending him letters from Nuremberg.

The Same to the Same.

[15]96[-7], March 16.—A complimentary letter. *See Five Generations of a Loyal House, p.* 531.

The Same to [the Same].

1597, April 12.—A complimentary letter. *See Five Generations of a Loyal House, p.* 329.

The Same to the Same.

[15]97, April 27. Grimsthorpe.—A letter of compliments and thanks. *Signet.*

The Same to the Same.

1597, May 22. Grimsthorpe.—On behalf of his kinsman, Thomas Willoughby. *See Five Generations of a Loyal House, p.* 533.

The Same to the Same, Lord General of all the Queen's forces.

1597, October.—A complimentary letter. *See Five Generations of a Loyal House, p.* 533.

The Same to the Same.

[1597, London.]—Regretting that he had missed seeing him.

The Same to [the Same].

[c. 1597.]—"By chaunce I pased their, though I beinge not of the elect commannded to shoote my bolte. My loving dutie to you and my country makes mee thus bolde, though some would extenuate my sence, and have not spared it, as I heere saye. They shall not except agaynste my syncerite, wherout only I confesse I have comitted this folly, to myngle my dropps with suche excellent ryvers. And I seeke neither prayse nor place shall appeare, for after I have kyssed Her Majesty's hands and your Lordship's, I will leave my fortification of castells in the ayer, and fall to the plough and carte for my children, least I dye unfortunate in a spitle, and they begg miserable for my mistakinge humors that liked the world better than an hermitage." *Signed.*

The Same to [the Same], Earl Marshall of England.

1597[-8], March.—Recommending John Carew. *See Five Generations of a Loyal House, p.* 325.

The SAME to the SAME.

Same date.—A complimentary letter. *See Five Generations of a Loyal House, p.* 326.

The SAME to the SAME.

1597[–8], March 23. Grimsthorpe.—Concerning the governorship of Berwick. *See Five Generations of a Loyal House, p.* 327.

The SAME to the SAME.

1598, April.—Concerning the difficulties of his task. *See Five Generations of a Loyal House, pp.* 327–8.

——— to ———.

[After 1598.]—*Endorsed* "A French minister's discourse touching the peace" between France and England. *French. Copy.*

NEWSLETTER.

1622, September 10. London.—Giving an account of the progress of the campaigns in Germany, Holland, and France. *French.*

The EARL of BRISTOL.

[c. 1623.]—Interrogatories administered to the Earl of Bristol and his answers thereto concerning his embassy to Germany. *Copy. Imperfect.*

CHARLES I. to [the COUNTESS OF HOLDERNESS.]

1626, March 2.—Promising to continue the grants made to her by the late King. *Signed.*

CHARLES I. to the COMMISSIONERS OF SEWERS on the North-east side of the river of Witham, co. Lincoln.

1634, July 20. Apethorpe . . . . . .

"Sir Anthony Thomas knight together with our loving subject John Worsopp Esquire, having many years attempted the general work of draining the Fens and surrounded grounds in our county of Lincoln and elsewhere. And lately undertaken that particular level on the north and north-east side of the river of Witham, called (as we are informed) the east and west fens, north fen, Earls fen, Armtree fen and Wildmore fen commons, and the adjacent several drowned grounds, have by God's blessing, and by and through their own extraordinary labour and sedulity, and their and their friends disbursements and adventures of great sums of money expended, now lately accomplished the draining of the said grounds, and making of them dry and fit for arable, or meadow, or pasture, to the improvement (as is alleged) of forty-five thousand acres of land, and the bettering of many thousands more; The which we well understand to be no small enrichment of those countries; And being thereof certainly advertised by sight of an Act or Ordinance of Sewers, expressing a declaration under some of your hands and seals, that the said undertaken work is now done by the said Sir Anthony Thomas and John Worsopp, within the time limited; We therefore in our gracious respect towards our said well deserving subjects, that have approved themselves therein real performers of so great a work, both for their remuneration and for example and encouragement to others, do will and require you, that you fail not to

do to them speedy justice in and by an equal and most indifferent partition and setting forth by metes and bonds of such parts, portions and allotments of these drained lands, as your former Acts, Orders and Decrees of Sewers did grant, promise and appoint to them for recompense of their said undertaken work of draining; And that you forthwith decree the same unto the said Sir Anthony Thomas and John Worsopp their heirs and assigns for ever to be holden of us, our heirs and successors, as of our honor of Bullingbrooke in our said county of Lincoln, with such privileges liberties and immunities as you shall think fit. And you are also to require all those, which pretend interest to any of the said lands, that they give ready obedience to your order, and quietly permit the said Anthony Thomas and John Worsopp to enjoy their allotments peaceably and without interruption, according to their agreement, As they tender our displeasure and will answer the contrary at their perils. Given under our Signet. At our court at Apthorp the twentieth day of July in the tenth year of our reign."

SIR PEREGRINE BERTIE to his father, the EARL OF LINDSEY, Lord Chamberlain of England, at his house in Chanel Row, Westminster.

1639[-40], March 5. Berwick.—I have been with the Mayor and some of the chief burgesses of the town, and have used the best means I could for advertising your desires for making Mr. Cooke a burgess, but I find no "cheerefullnesse in them of pleasuring of your Lordship." All the news here is that some of the works of Edinburgh Castle on Monday last did slip down.

CAPTAIN JOHN BALLE to [the EARL OF LINDSEY].

1639[-40], March 3. Berwick.—Informing him that Sir Robert Jackson had that day mustered the garrison. *Signed.*

GEORGE MOORE to the EARL OF LINDSEY, in Channon Row, Westminster.

1639[-40], March 10. Berwick.—Informing him that by the malice of Sir Robert Jackson and others, he had been detained as a clipper of the King's coin, and asking for his assistance. *Signed. Signet.*

GEORGE ROUS to [the EARL OF LINDSEY].

1639[-40], March 24. Berwick.—A letter of compliments and thanks.

CAPTAIN JOHN BALLE to [the EARL OF LINDSEY].

1639[-40], March 24. Berwick.—On private affairs. *Signed.*

SIR MICHAEL ERNLE to the EARL OF LINDSEY.

1640, March 25. Berwick.—All those parts upon the borders are commanded to be in readiness when there shall be occasion. There is strict watch kept at Dunse and Kelso, but only in the night, and officers are appointed for these places. *Signet.*

CHARLES I. to [MONTAGU,] EARL OF LINDSEY.

1642, October 27. Aynho.—Condoling with him on the death of his father. *See Collins' Peerage, Vol. II., p.* 16. *tit., Duke of Ancaster. Also a copy of the same.*

MSS. OF THE EARL OF ANCASTER.

The Same to the Same.

1645[-6], March 19. Oxford.—"I thanke you for putting yourselfe into Woodstoke, it shewing that you reeke all occasions to shew that affection which I have alwayes knowne you to have to my service. But I do not judge that place fitt for you to stay in, others being good anufe for it, and you fitter for a better imployment. Wherefore I command you to returne to your waiting here."

*Postscript.*—"The longer you stay you will the more displease two faire ladies." *Copy.*

The Earl of Lindsey to King Charles.

1645[-6], March 19. Woodstock.—"When I received your command I acquainted Captain Fawcett with it, whereupon he represented the condition of the garrison, if I left it, to be this; that divers since the horse lay upon this place and wanting their pay were gentlemen, others for want of the same discontented. A great part of these have been of your guards, and good words from some of their old acquaintance will satisfy them. Divers gentlemen that are reformadoes, which are comed in, he believes are easier commanded by me than they will be by him, and all are reddier to performe their duties; I being an eye witness may present their service performed to you Majestie."

Our provisions have been much spent "by reason of Camfield's horse being so neare this place. This month the souldiers have beene fedd with the store bread, and hath much exhausted the provision, and for all it hath beene often demanded and desired but not so granted, but lately theire hath beene a little recruite to add to the store; yet the house shall not be lost, but kept till the last minute as a person of honour is bound to do." *Copy.*

Charles I. to the Earl of Lindsey.

1645[-6], March 20. Oxford.—"There is no more reall testimony of true service than this kinde of disobedience, to which my answer is that if upon further tryall of the disposition of the officers and souldiers you finde that you may come to your waiting here without eminent hazard of loosing the place, then I shall immediately exspect you. Otherwise I leave you to do what you shall finde most necessary for my service." *Copy. This copy is on the same sheet as the preceding letter from the King of the* 19*th March.*

Sir Thomas Fairfax to the Speaker of the House of Peers.

1646, May 4. Heddington.—"Having received a letter from the Duke of Richmond and the Earl of Lindsey of which this enclosed is a copy, I thought fit to present the same to the House; with this desire, that if it may not be of prejudice to the public affairs, their desires may be answered they being already secured at Woodstock. They are persons of honour and have engaged themselves neither directly nor indirectly to act anything against the Parliament. But what shall be commanded concerning them shall be observed.

[Enclosure.]

The Duke of Richmond and Lennox and the Earl of Lindsey to Sir Thomas Fairfax.

1646, May 2.—"His Majesty having thought fit (as he expressed to us) in person to draw nearer to his Parliament, which hath always

been our humble opinion and advice we who have followed him in the relation of domestic servants, would not remain in any place after him, to expose ourselves to a doubtful construction with the Parliament, of having other business; nor have we other design in coming then to pursue our obligation to the King and the Parliament, without meddling or disturbing affairs therefore desire in order to that, we may have leave as others not better hearted to the peace of this kingdom have had to come to London, go to our own homes, or continue here if the time yet be not unfree of jealousy, or that it may give any offence, which we have ever desired as much as in us lay to prevent, the procuring this favour of the Parliament by your means will oblige us."

[P.S.]—Here are with us Sir Edward Sidenham, Sir William Fleetwood, Mr. J. Cary, servants to the King, who are of the same mind with us, and desire to be presented to your favour in the like manner.

PHILIP SWALE to WILLIAM MABB, servant to the Earl of Lindsey, at Lindsey House near the Parliament Stairs.

1667-8, March 3 (3rd of first month).—On business. *Signet.*

PHILIP SWALE to ROBERT, EARL OF LINDSEY, at Lindsey House.

1667-8, March 9.—On business.

PHILIP SWALE to WILLIAM MABB, at Lindsey House.

1667-8, March 24.—On business. *Also six other letters from Swale to Mabb on business.*

RULES FOR COURSING THE HARE.

[*Temp.* Charles II. ?].—Orders Laws and Rules for coursing of the hare agreed upon (ever to remain) for such as delight in the same sport set down by the Right Honourable Thomas Duke of Norfolk William Lord Marquess of Northampton Henry Earl of Huntingdon Edward Lord Clinton Lord Admiral Lord Barkley Lord Scroope Lord Burrow Lord Sheffield Lord Willoughby Sir John Syllyard Sir Robert Terwhit Sir Francis Leake Sir Jarvis Clifton and divers others at Sleaford as followeth.

Imprimis no wager to be won or lost unless the course stand half a mile, but if the hare be killed within the half mile or otherwise the course be ended then the worst dog shall pay for the hare finding.

Item if it happen a hare to go to the covert being above half a mile unturned the dog that leadeth to the covert winneth the course.

Item if a brace of dogs running together the one giveth a turn the other serveth and giveth another and so they continue to give many turns no coat happening that dog that giveth the first turn winneth the course because he first commandeth the hare and so all the other dogs turns were but services to his.

Item if a brace of dogs run and before the hare be turned the other goeth by him that going by, is to be accounted but a turn because the other perhaps had no perfect sight and did not strain himself, but after one turn every coat is accounted two turns.

Item if a brace of dogs do run and the one doth give many turns and coats more then the other and before he comes to the covert he stand still in the field the other doth but run with her to the covert though he never turn the hare yet he shall save the course because the standing in the field is the greatest foil a dog can take.

Item it is to be noted that every bearing or taking of the hare is accounted for a turn.

Item that no wrench or wease slip or go by shall be accounted or spoken of more then is before in the fourth article.

These laws and orders were set down and subscribed at Sleaford by the noblemen and gentlemen before mentioned and by John Cupledike Robert Markham and many other gentlemen.

PEREGRINE BERTIE to his brother, [ROBERT] EARL OF LINDSEY, at Grimsthorpe.

1691, May 2.—Giving an account of the sudden death of Lady Abingdon and of the grief of his brother [the Earl of Abingdon], and her family.

The SAME to the SAME, at Willoughby in Lindsey Coast.

1692, June 25.—There is likely to be a match between Lady Katherine Manners and Sir John "Luson Goore," whose estate is given out to be 7000*l.* a year, but Lord Rutland cannot be persuaded to give more than 15000*l.* They demand 20000*l.* Lord Fanshawe has bought an estate near Hungerford in Wiltshire. My Lord Huntingdon's crime is that upon receiving King James's letter of invitation to come and see the Queen delivered he sent it up to Lord Nottingham with his duty to the Queen, and desired he might have leave to go over for such time as the Queen thought fit, to see her Majesty delivered, and then would return. The Queen struck out of the Council, Lord Halifax, Lord Shrewsbury, Lord Marlborough, and Lord Torrington, the first for not coming to the Council, the latter because she is displeased with them.

PEREGRINE BERTIE to his sister[in-law], the COUNTESS OF LINDSEY, at Great Thorpe near Stamford.

1693, April 22.—Count d'Estrées is coming to Brest with his squadron, which makes us believe there may be a near engagement. Sir John Cutler has left his daughter the Yorkshire estate which he bought of Sir Thomas Chichely, which is worth 5000*l.* a year.

The friar and Italian captain who had agreed with the French to set the Spanish Armada on fire when the French appeared before Naples, are both executed.

PEREGRINE BERTIE to his brother, the EARL OF LINDSEY, at Grimsthorpe.

1693, May 25.—Regretting to hear of his wife's illness and giving foreign news. *Signet.*

The SAME to the SAME.

1693, May 27.—On business concerning the felling of timber at Grimsthorpe by Lord Willoughby. *Signet.*

The SAME to the SAME.

1693, June 3.—On the same subject.

The SAME to the SAME.

1693, [June] May 6.—On the same subject.

The Same to the Same.

1693, June 10.—On the same subject.

The Same to the Same.

1693, June 15.—On the same subject, and giving some news from abroad.

The Earl of Lindsey to his brother, Peregrine Bertie.

1693, June 15.—On the same subject.

Peregrine Bertie to his brother, the Earl of Lindsey.

1693, July 4.—On business concerning an advance of money.

The Same to the Same.

1693, July 6.—On the same business, and giving foreign war news.

The Same to the Same.

1693, July 11.—To the same effect as the preceding.

The Same to the Same.

1693, July 23.—To the same effect as the preceding.

The Same to the Same.

1693, July 27.—Giving an account of the action before Luxembourg.

M——— to the Countess of Lindsey.

[16]93, August 24.—On business. *Fragment of signet.*

Peregrine Bertie to his brother, the Earl of Lindsey.

1693, October 7.—On business.

Peregrine Bertie to his brother, the Earl of Lindsey.

1694, November 10.—His Majesty arrived yesterday at Margate The Queen is gone to-day to meet him at Dartford or Gravesend. We discourse of nothing but a peace, yet prepare greatly for a war, and we think to lower the land to one shilling in the pound and so to give it for twenty years, which is Paul Foley's invention, but not liked by many.

You see by the *Monthly Mercury* the conditions of peace that are offered, by which we are to get nothing but to be owned, and the French King not to assist King James or his heirs, but to allow a stipend from hence and to live where he shall not give offence to King William.

The Same to the Same.

1694, November 26.—Concerning the intention of his nephew Philip [Bertie] to stand for Stamford in the place of Captain Hyde deceased.

The Same to the Same.

1694, November 27.—On the same subject.

The SAME to the SAME.

1694, November 29.—I am glad to hear that Stamford is so inclined to choose my nephew Philip. I was afraid my Lord of Exeter would have set up his son, but he declines it, and I believe Sir Purey Cust will not be very willing to enter into battle with so great a family, for I told him he must expect, if he stood, to spend 500*l.* or 600*l.* in the election. He would have fain made a bargain with my nephew to spend nothing and then I suppose would have treated them privately at his own house. I suppose you have interest enough with Sir Richard Cust to make his son lay it down, and then my nephew will come in easily. But courtiers must venture their fortune, and they can have no better lottery than our House to push their fortunes in.

The SAME to the SAME.

1694[-5], March 10.—Yesterday was Mr. Wilson killed in Southampton Square by a Scotch officer who, it seems, thought himself better able to satisfy an unknown lady than the other, and it is thought that the lady who kept Mr. Wilson, was willing to have a change, and that she set them together by the ears. The town is in great expectation to know who this lady is, and it is believed it will come out, though Mr. Wilson gave the key of his "scritore" to a friend of his to give to his mother, and desiring him to see his papers burned, and gave them sixty guineas and a broad piece, to see it completed.

Your son Philip is made a manager of the "Million Act" which will be worth 100*l.* a year to him. I think your family has a great deal of reason to be satisfied with this Government.

JOHN WALPOLE to the COUNTESS OF LINDSEY, at Chelsea.

1704, July 7.—On legal business.

——— to [the COUNTESS OF LINDSEY].

1709, December 6.—We have had several reports here about my Lord Chanceller being laid aside, but I cannot find that there is any great ground for them. It is also talked about this evening that the Treasurer also is to lay down, and Lord Halifax to come into his place; and some, I find, think that he and the Chancellor are so linked together as that if the one goes out, the other will do so also. Lord Wharton it seems is a declared enemy to both.

[The SAME to the SAME.]

1709[-10], January 26.—Concerning proposals for settling the differences between herself and Lord Lindsey.

[The SAME to the SAME.]

1709 [-10], February 7.—Dr. Sacheverell is to be tried in Westminster Hall, and scaffolds will be set up there as soon as the term is over. This may perhaps bring Lord Lindsey up. Mr. Dolben, the chairman of the committee against Sacheverell, is Archbishop Dolben's son, but has not by a good deal his father's character. I hear of no other Mr. Dolben in the House.

[The SAME to the SAME.]

1709 [–10], February 21.—I waited yesterday on Mr. Charles Bertie. We discoursed about your Ladyship's concerns, but I found he was wholly ignorant of what was intended. He only said that Sir Thomas Powis told him that matters were likely to be agreed between you. Lord Willoughby was with him when I went in to him, and General Farrington. I perceive by them that the Lords have mightily intrenched upon the Lord Great Chamberlain, and not only appointed themselves such a number of tickets by their own authority, but attempt to contract my Lord's own box.

[The SAME to the SAME.]

1709 [–10], February 23.—This town is in so great a ferment at present upon the trial of Dr. Sacheverell as I believe never was known. The mob are of his side and attend him with loud huzzas at going to Westminster and coming back, every day; and their cry is "No presbyterians, no meetings, for the Queen and the Church." And with this cry they attended the Queen's chair through the Park yesterday. In short men's eyes and minds are wholly turned upon this affair, so that there is a stop to all business.

[The SAME to the SAME.]

1709[–10], March 4.—We have no mob since Wednesday night when they did great execution upon the Meeting Houses. The militia are up through the whole town. Sacheverell's counsel were heard yesterday and to-day, and I do not hear that they are advanced further than the first article. "Your Ladyship has the humble thanks of our whole house for your puddings and griskins."

[The SAME] to the SAME.

1709[–10], March 6.—This affair of Dr. Sacheverell stops all sorts of other business. The pleadings of the managers and of this counsel are all over, and now the matter is before the Lords. Lord Nottingham put this question to the judges, whether any indictment wherein the express words of the criminal were not inserted, was good in law. The judges had time till to-day to give their answer, which was that in their Courts it was not good, but they were no judges of parliamentary proceedings, so that now the Houses are looking after precedents, and some hope the Doctor may come off by this means, for I am told that in the parallel cases of Mainwaring and Sibthorp the words upon which their impeachment was grounded are expressly set down in the indictment. To divert your Ladyship I will set down a short epigram that goes about the town concerning the burning the Presbyterian pulpits. It is this—

Most moderate Whigs, since you do boast
That you a Church of England priest will roast,
Blame not the mob if they desire
With Presbyterian tubs to make the fire.

[The SAME] to the SAME.

1701[–10], March 16.—It is now past eight and the Lords as I hear, are all still sitting. There has been hot debate about the first article of Dr. Sacheverell's impeachment relating to non-resistance, and we are impatient to hear the event. I saw this morning the funeral of Lord Chief Justice Holt pass by, in order to carry him to Redgrave in Suffolk. It is looked upon as something strange that a new Lord Chief Justice should be created before the other was in his grave. *Signet.*

MSS. OF THE EARL OF ANCASTER.

[The SAME to the SAME.]

1710, April 8.—On legal business.

[The SAME] to the SAME.

1710, May 16.—"As for your boarding, I cannot think it fitt your Ladyship should expose yourself to the fatigues and hazards of the seas and journeys, and be changing of your climate at this time of day, nor can I imagine where you could board in England with so numerous an attendance as of ten persons with you, especially if a person must be with you whom few familyes will care to receive, unlesse one of your own way. It may be it would be more practicable to hire a small house in some cheap and wholesome country for a yeare or two, then to board in any family, but this matter requires a further consideration."

[CHARLES BERTIE ?] to his brother [the MARQUIS OF LINDSEY].

[1711, May] 12.—"I saw Mr. Harley yesterday at the House, when when we talk'd over the affair of the title of Oxford which he thinks is in the crown to dispose of, when they please, and the Queen's Council are of the same opinion. I told him I differ with them, but the result of all our discourse was that he hoped I would take care that your Lordship nor none of your family—for whom he protested great service—should take it ill of him, since it was not his seeking, and he assured me he would not take it amiss from your self and family that you enter'd a *caveat*, being seen that would not stop the patent, and would preserve a show and colour of right for the heir general. I told him I would enter the *caveat*, to be entered in the Chancery, beliefing it would give you a little more time to think before it got to the Greate Seale Mr. Cross went thither last night and brought me word this morning that Lord Keeper sent for him in and told him he should not stop the patent an hour for the *caveat*, and desired to know if his Lord had council ready to defend the entering of the *caveat*, which he said he should hear. There is yet noe *caveat* entered, for Mr. Cross went to Hackerley to draw one, but he could not tell how to doe it, uppon which he went to the Keeper's thinking the Secretary there would have shewed him how they were drawne, but he did not and told his Lord your servant was there, who sent for him in presently. Mr. Cross told me alsoe that Mr. Hackerley said you had noe right, soe I fancy you will not employ him in it. I should think you cannot have a better man than Sir Peter King, if you designe to have it argued. I believe you will consider the matter with your friends."

"One thing more I should tell you, which is that Harley told me yesterday that he was sure that some body else would have the title in a month if he had it not, which is a sign there will be more honours granted. I sent you here inclosed the letter I received from Mr. Harley, which I desire you will return me. If you think it best to be quiet in this affair I should think we should tell Harley what steps have been made to procuring you another title, and try to engage him to assist in it, uppon giving him noe trouble in this point."

*Postscript.*—"I have shew'd your warrant for the rooms to Lord Abingdon, and told the Speaker yesterday you would accommodate the House of Commons. I have not delivered the warrant yet, for I fancy there should be some words in it to signifie her Majesty's pleasure, and also a warrant to the Wardrobe to furnish them. Let me know in your next if I am under a mistake."

LINCOLN RACES.

1723.—Articles to be observed for the Ladies Plate at Lincoln. *Draft.*

## The Rebellion of 1745.

MSS. of the Earl of Ancaster.

1745, October 1.—A voluntary subscription for the security of his Majesty's person and Government and for the payment of such forces as shall be raised within the county of Lincoln began at the Castle of Lincoln.

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| Tyrconnel | 300 |
| Ric. Hardwick | 50 |
| Fr. Whichcote | 100 |
| E. Pelham | 100 |
| Thos. Trollope | 100 |
| Ger. Scrope | 100 |
| Luke Williamson for Ld. Fitzwilliam | 500 |
| Thos. Scrope | 100 |
| John Cust | 100 |
| Rob. Vyner | 100 |
| Wm. Noel | 100 |
| Hen. Bradley | 10 |
| Fra. Vane | 30 |
| Tho. Vivian | 40 |
| Evd. Buckworth | 40 |
| Savile Cust | 50 |
| Ancaster | 500 |
| Scarbrough | 500 |
| Monson | 500 |
| Vere Bertie | 100 |
| T. Whichcot | 100 |
| Thos. Chaplin | 100 |
| William Irby | 100 |
| G. Storm for himself and the Freeholdrs. Crowle Althorpe &c. | 150 |
| Hen. Pennant | 50 |
| John Healey | 60 |
| C. Reynolds | 40 |
| J. Tyrwhitt | 100 |
| John Buisliere | 100 |
| M. Boucherett | 100 |
| Robt. Cracroft | 60 |
| Jno. Michell | 100 |
| Clemt. Tudway | 50 |
| Willm. Welby | 50 |
| Edmd. Turnor | 50 |
| Jas. Pennyman | 50 |
| G. Gregory Junr. | 50 |
| J. Seaford | 05 |
| Samnel Salter *Cl.* | 15 |
| Wm. Johnston | 30 |
| Jno. Arnold | 10 |
| Jno. Harvey | 20 |
| Jno. Hooton | 5 |
| John Peck | 15 |
| John Robinson | 15 |

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| Samuel Rolt | 5 | | |
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| Saml. Hunter | 10 | | |
| Geo. Denshire | 10 | 10 | |
| Tho. Brown | 20 | | |
| Lawce. Monck | 10 | | |
| Gilbt. Benet *Clk.* | 05 | | |
| Edwd. Hales | 10 | 10 | |
| Thos. Adam | 20 | | |
| Wm. Bassett | 20 | | |
| Jno. Whitelamb | 5 | | |
| Benjn. Bromhead | 20 | | |
| Thos. Wallis | 40 | | |
| Thos. Wallis M.D. | 25 | | |
| Griffth. Nelthorpe | 40 | | |
| J. Whichcot | 20 | | |
| George Brown Mayor of the City of Lincoln | 100 for the City. | | |
| F. Flower | 50 | | |
| John Maddison | 40 | | |
| John Pindar | 30 | | |
| Robt. Woodhouse | 30 | | |
| Thos. Becke | 30 | | |
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| John Hodgson | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| William Johnson | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Wm. Seller | 7 | 4 | 0 |
| Wm. Cheales | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Jno. Bland | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Ebenezer Cawdron | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| Wm. Anderson *Clk.* | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| J. Maw | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| J. Wilberfoss | 30 | | |
| J. Crompton | 25 | | |
| Cranwell Coats | 25 | | |
| J. Marshall | 20 | | |
| J. Maddison | 10 | 10 | |
| Henry Revell | 15 | | |
| Nathl. Robinson | 10 | 10 | |
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| Benjn. Collyer | 10 | | |
| Matts. Hawton | 10 | | |
| Jonan. Rudsdell | 10 | | |
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| Weston John Smith | 20 | 0 | 0 | Jno. Jenkinson - | 42 | 0 | 0 |
| John Smith - - | 10 | 0 | 0 | John Green - - | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Willm. Hasledene - | 2 | 10 | 0 | James Bolton - | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Fitz. White - - | 21 | 0 | 0 | J. Pahams - - | 2 | 12 | 6 |
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| Anthony Taylor - | 10 | 10 | 0 | Shelley Pennell - | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Edward Saul - | 10 | 10 | 0 | Jno. Disney - - | 80 | 0 | 0 |
| Wm. Scortreth - | 5 | 5 | 0 | John Harrison - | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| J. Walls - - | 21 | 0 | 0 | Sir Henry Nelthorpe subscribed in another paper - | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| John Ferrand - | 5 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Robt. Pindar - | 3 | 3 | 0 | | | | |
| Hen. Browne - | 21 | 0 | 0 | Tho. Shaw for Edwd. Greathed - - | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| John Curtois Jr. - | 4 | 4 | 0 | Benj. Walker - | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Tho. Shaw *Clerk* - | 10 | 0 | 0 | Geo. Boulton - | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| J. Linton *Clerk* - | 10 | | | Adrian Hardy - | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Lang Bankes - | 10 | | | T. Pownall - - | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Jos. Dixon - - | 10 | | | Chris. Nevile - | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Richd. Gilbert - | 15 | 15 | | Jno. Middlemore - | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| James Ward - | 10 | | | Wm. Kirke - - | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| J. Curtois - - | 4 | 4 | | Charles Beridge - | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Edwd. Beresford - | 5 | 5 | | Bas. Beridge - | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| John Turner - | 5 | 0 | 0 | Thos. Trollope - | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Geo. Stow - - | 5 | 0 | 0 | | | | |

### Sir Joshua Reynolds.

1759, June 10.—Receipt signed "J. Reynolds" for thirty guineas from the Duke of Ancaster "being the half payment for the pictures of the Marquess of Lindsey and Lady Mary Bertie."

## INVENTORIES.

### Tattenhall.

c. 1522.—An inventory of beds, bedding, and hangings brought from Tattenhall. Among the hanging are, a piece of roses and leaves, a piece of "Our Lady," a piece of the story of Moses with the tables, and pieces called the "Ragged staffe," and the "Vyneyard." At the other end of the book are receipts for the year 1522.

### Plate.

1535, December 18.—An inventory of plate for family and church use, taken at Southwark.

*Amongst the articles of church plate are*, crosses, chalices, cruets, paxes, "holy water pots," images of saints, remonstrances, and censers, all of which except the two last are gilt.

### The Duke of Suffolk.

1546, May 22.—A list of all the horses, mares, and geldings belonging to the Duke [of Suffolk] in his stables and pastures at Grimsthorpe.

*The totals are*—Ninety horses and geldings of all ages and both ambling and trotting, and thirty-five mares both ambling and trotting, "as well of the stood as for the careage."

### The Duchess of Suffolk.

1551.—An inventory of apparel and other things and lent by the Duchess to her sons, the Duke of Suffolk and Lord Charles Brandon, and bought by her.

*In the list of articles lent to the Duke of Suffolk are*—A black velvet gown furred with sables and guarded with "passamane" lace, which came in his chest from Cambridge; a velvet cap with fourteen diamonds; another velvet cap with fourteen rubies; a diamond set in gold; a "sallet" with four emeralds; pearl buttons; and a dial of bone.

*Amongst Lord Charles Brandon's things are*—"The wardshipe and mariadge of Mistress Anne Waddell"; a suit of crimson satin embroidered wtth silver, given to the Duchess by the King, with buttons of gold; a night gown of grogram furred with jennet; and a cape with seventeen pair of "agletts" and sixteen buttons; and a broach. *Two Copies.*

### [Grimsthorpe.]

[After 1601.]—An inventory of furniture and other articles. *Mentions* Sir Montague's chamber, Sir Thomas Willoughby's chamber, the Queen's chamber, the Presence chamber in which was a picture of "my old Lord Peregrine" and "my old Lady Mary"; the "gazing" chamber, and the Earl of Rutland's chamber.

### [Sir Owen Wynn.]

1676, December 1.—"A note of all my plates at Caetmehor."

*Includes*—A great frame with five plates on it for sweetmeats; a silver box with three dozen counters in it, with the arms of England and France; another silver box with three dozen new groats in it; six silver spoons "with the crucifix upon the end of them that were my great grandfather William Gwith (Griffith) ap Robin, of Cotswillian"; a naked boy in silver with an inkhorn in one hand and a candlestick in the other; a big silver bowl that "my mother Powell gave my sonn Sir Richard Wynn"; twelve trencher dishes with the Gwydyr arms; a "little pott close cover'd to put a wax candle in to read by." *Endorsed* "a note of all my silver plate except those at Weeg which are considerable."

### Eresby.

1723, September 13.—A list of articles belonging to the late Duke of Ancaster and bought for 557*l.* 2*s.* 3*d.* by his son. *Signed.* "Ancaster Albemarle Bertie, Thomas Farrington."

### Diamonds.

1725, March 27.—Statement by Jacob Duhamel of the weight and value of the diamonds in the necklace and buckle belonging to the Duchess of Ancaster. The necklace contained forty diamonds weighing a little more than thirty-eight carats, valued at 651*l.* 4*s.* The buckle contained thirty diamonds weighing a little over seven carats, valued at 71*l.* 3*s.* The largest brilliants were valued at 20*l.* a carat.

### Swinstead House.

1725[-6], January 22.—An inventory of goods belonging to the late Duke of Ancaster. *Amongst the pictures are*—Mary, Queen of Scots, King George, The Princess of Wales, Lord Lindsey, Lord and

Lady Tyrconnell, the Duke of Ancaster, Lady Eleanora Bertie, Albemarle Bertie, the Duke af Buckingham, Lady Betty Cecil, and others. *At the end is a list of articles taken from Grimsthorpe to Swinstead.*

GWYDYR UPPER HOUSE.

1728, April 1.—A list of articles in Gwydyr Upper House delivered to Thomas Wynne by order of the Duke of Ancaster.

RAINBY.

1730, August 25.—An inventory of goods belonging to the Duke of Ancaster at his hunting seat at Rainby.

SWINSTEAD.

[c. 1735.]—An inventory of household furniture belonging to the Marquis of Lindsey, the Honble. Albemarle Bertie, and the two Miss Nichols.

GWYDYR UPPER HOUSE.

1737, June 8.—An inventory of the goods of the Duke of Ancaster at Gwydyr Upper House.

HUNDRED OF BABERGH.

1514–23.—Certificate of Sir William Waldeyn, Sir William Clopton, George Mannok, Robert Crane, and Robert Ford the Elder, commissioners concerning the musters and for valuing men's substance in that hundred.

Among the proprietors were the Queen, the College of St. Gregory in Sudbury, Sir Edward Nevyll, the Duke of Norfolk, Sir William Waldegrave, Lady Peyton, the Guilds of St. Peter, St. John, the Trinity, and St. Christopher in Boxford, the Provost of Cambridge, the Abbess of Dartford, Sir Richard Fitzlawes, Lady Salisbury, the Abbess of Malling, the Earl of Oxford, and many others.

## POETRY.

A volume of poems, chiefly political and satirical, of the seventeenth century. *Some of them printed in the "State Poems."*

HOUSEHOLD ACCOUNTS.

1560–2.—An account book of the household expenses of Richard Bertie, Esq., and the Lady Katherine, Duchess of Suffolk, his wife.

Among other items are the following:—

"Wardrobe of Robes."

1560. "Five yards and a halfe of hamphere kersey at 2*s.* the yard to make hose for Thomas Hallydaye, Dicke with the croked backe and others."

1561, April. "Paid at London for ten onzes of granado silke for my masters shirtes, at 2*s.* 8*d.* the onze."

Same date. To Mistress Knowles and eight others, 13*s.* 4*d.* each "for velvet to garde theire lyverye gownes."

1562, February. "A payer of Valencian gloves for my master, 10*d.*," and "a hatt of thrimmed silke, garnished, and a bande of gold, for my master at his coming to Grimsthorpe, 18*s.*"

1562, May. "Geven to suche gentlemen as attended uppon herr Grace at the Corte, which they shuld have bestowed upon their lyveries save for the Statute of apparell," 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

"Children of honowre."

1561, December. "Two dozen of points for the two Polish Georges."

1562, May. "Paid for bowes and arrowes for" George Sebastian, 6*s.*

1562, June. "Paid for a cawle of gold" for Mistress Susan, 45*s.*

"Paid for two grammar bookes for the children, 2*s.*"

"Wardrobe of beddes."

1560, October. To Richard Thomson "for dryinge of two fether bedds, 2*s.* 8*d.*

1562, February. "For three dozen of rushes for Barbican and my Ladie's lodging at the Corte," 6*s.* 8*d.*

1562, March. "For clensing the house at Grimsthorpe in February, 2*s.*"

1562, April. "For a candlesticke for a watche light, 3*s.* 10*d.*"

May. "For a dussine of bromes for her Grace to burne, 6*d.*"

June. "For making cleane of herr Grace's chamber at Grenewich, 12*d.*"

"Gyftes and rewardes."

1560, December. "To a man of my Lorde Clinton's which brought a feasant and two partriges," 3*s.* 3*d.*

"To George, Mr. Pellam's man, to funishe himselfe lord of Christmas and his men in a lyvery, 40*s.*"

1561, January. "To Sir Fraunces Foskewe's players which came to offer them selves to playe before my Lady's Grace, 3*s.* 4*d.*"

February. "To Mistress Brodbank in reward for kytchinge forty-four ratts at Valdey, 3*s.* 4*d.*"

"To one which played the hobby-horse before my master and my Ladie's Grace, 6*s.* 8*d.*"

"To the servants of thouse at Upton," 11*s.* 4*d.*

"To certen men which opined gappes for my master and my Lady's Grace as they came from Upton," 3*d.*

March. "To my Lord Ambrose Dudley's man which brought letters the twenty-first," 2*s.*

"In rewarde to the servants in Mistress Sissell's house," 6*s.* 4*d.*

1561, August. "To two men which played upon the puppetts, 6*s.* 8*d.*

"Given by my master's commandment to the kepers of the lions at the towre at London in May last, 6*s.*"

To Cockrell "to bye him a payer hervest gloves," 3*d.*

"To Mistress Ashelye's man at the Cort" who "lett my master into the privy garden, the Quene being theare, 3*s.* 4*d.*"

September. "To Mr. Peregrine, Mistress Susan and the rest by her Grace to by their fayrings of a pedler at the gate," 2*s.*

"To a wyfe of Lowth which made wagers agaynst the Lorde Admirall's coming to Belleaw," 2*s.* 4*d.*

October. "To my Lord Robart Dudleye's players at Grimsthorpe, which ofered themselves to play but dyd not, 10*s.*"

"To Pretie's wife to by achates for herself and herr children in herr Grace's absence," 40*s.*

1561, November. "To Monsieur Le Forge which presented a lock, 20*s.*"

"To a bonesetter dwelling in Walbroke for setting in of two joynthes which weare out in younge Gerves' ancley," 3*s.* 4*d.*

1561, December. "To Mr. Rose and his daughters which played before her Grace in her sycknes," 13*s.* 4*d.*

"For the poore of St. Giles' in Barbican, 5*s.*"

"To two of my Lord Robert Dudley's men which came to play before them upon the drume and the phiph," 6*s.*

"To my Lord of Arrundall's players," 6*s.* 8*d.*

"To the waights of London," 5*s.*

"To David Suls in gold for a new yers gifte for the Quene,' being five onzes and three peny waight, 14*l.* 10*s.*"

"To him for the workemanship," because "the peece was not well wrought, he had but 4*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.*"

1562, January. "To divers noblemen's trumpiters to the number of ten, 20*s.*"

"To the Queen's trumpiters," 20*s.*

"To Handforde of the Black Swanne in Chepe a goldsmith, for a chesse borde and a set of men given to the Quene, 7*l.*"

"Given to Ladie Knowles in a payer of sleves for a New Years gifte," 6*l.*

"To the Quene's violens," 20*s.*

"To the Erle of Warwyck's players," 7*s.* 6*d.*

1562, February. "To an Etalion which shuld have menestered medicine to herr Grace for the small poxe, 5*s.*"

"To Mr. Catlyne, Lord Chief Judge in a standing cuppe of sylver," 11*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.*

"To Judge Browne in a standinge cuppe of sylver," 11*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.*

"To Dr. Keyns in a cuppe of sylver all gilt, for his paynes taken in the sycknes of her Grace and Mistress Susan," 5*l.* 14*s.*

"To Chaterton for his paynes with her Grace in my Lady Marie Graye's chambre, 6*s.*"

1562, March. To "a shipman which brought her Grace a carnary byrde, 20*s.*"

"To the collectors for Powle's steple, 6*s.* 8*d.*"

May. "To one of the gromes of the Quene's stable which brought my mistress a horse to ryde with my Lord R[obert], 3*s.* 4*d.*"

"To my Lord of Burgayme's man," 6*s.* 8*d.*

"To Mistress Asheley's man that brought her Grace to Barbican with a lytle wagon, 12*d.*"

1562, July. "To the Quene's players which played at Grimsthorp," 20*s.*

"Wurkes and Buyldings."

1562, January. "To a paynter which drewe the picter of two children," 2*s*.

"To a man which laded water owte of the cellor at Barbican," 6*d*.

1562, March. "To a paynter which went to the Corte and drew herr Grace's armes for herr sadle, 20*d*."

"Husbandry."

1560, October. "For a pound of longe peper for medicines for sicke cattell," 7*s*. 6*d*.

"Necessaryes."

1560, December. "My master lost at blancke dise," 1*d*.

1561, January. "To Sandon's wife for birche for rodds," 3*d*.

,, July. "For my masters losses at the buttes," and "paieing for all the contrey men which toke his part," 2*s*.

1562, January. "To my master at tables with herr Grace," 12*d*.

"For a payer of syssers to poll the boyes of the kychen," 6*d*.

"For meat for the turky cockes at Barbican," 2*s*.

March. "To the companie of the Goldesmithes for warning of my Ladie's sylver dust boxe when it was stolen owte of herr chambre at the corte," 6*s*. 8*d*.

June. "To a portingall by her Grace for two onzes of muske," 3*l*.

July. "Paid for plantan water and rosemary water," 4*d*.

October. "Paid for a boote for the mote at Beleaw," 17*s*.

"Bakhowse and Pantire."

1561, November. "Paid for a basone and ewre with a nest of bolls which weare gevin to Mistress Carrowe of sylver fashion," 12*s*.

1562, May. "Paid by her Grace for one dozen of sylver plate trenchers, 2*l*."

"Bruhowse and Buttry."

1562, February. "To Gomport brewer for three barrells of strong beere at 7*s*. the barrell, and for thirty five of doble beere at 4*s*. 4*d*. the barrell," 8*l*. 12*s*. 8*d*.

"Cellor."

1561, July. "For six gallons and a pottell of wormwood wyne," 10*s*. 10*d*.

November. "For amending the vice of one of the cuppes beinge the Quene's new yere's gift the last year" and other items, 17*s*.

"Paid to Mr. Atkinson the Quene's purvior of wynes, for one hogshed of claret wyne, 50*s*."

December. "For a pynt of claret wyne in herr Grace's sycknes, Father Frier not being within, 2*d*."

"For five quarts of claret wyne" to make jelly, 20*d*.

1562, January. "For one gallon of Ipocras," 4*s*. 8*d*.

March. "For one pynt of Jubilatie, 3*d*."

June. "For two gallons of Renish wyne to fill the grett vessell at Barbican," 3*s*. 4*d*.

"Spicery, Chaundry, and Lawndry."

1560, Octobre. "For a pounde of anne's seed," 14*d*.

"For one pound of rosin provided for staffe torches," 3*d*.

MSS. OF THE EARL OF ANCASTER

November. "For a stone of candlewicke," 3*s.* 8*d.*
"For eight pound of waxe," 8*s.*

1561, July. "For six pound of peper bought at London, 19*s.*
For one pound of ginger, 3*s.* 8*d.*
For one pound of synamond, 10*s.* 6*d.*
For one pound of cloves, 11*s.*
For one pound of mace, 14*s.*"
"For one pound of iseinglasse, 2*s.* 6*d.*"

September. "For four pound of graye sope, 12*d.*"

October. "For one pound of bisketts, 16*d.*"

December. "For six white printed lights," 2*s.* 6*d.*

1562, February. "For wafers when my master and her Grace dyned with Dr. Keyns," 20*d.*
"For clecompaine rotes," 1*d.*

1562, March. "Due to Modie grocer of London," 21*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.* Among the items of this bill, the bulk of which items were sent to Grimsthorpe, are a "topnet" of figs, great and small raisins, "lycorns," fennel seeds, marmalade, "cakes of castle soope," green ginger, "sokett," and sweet soap.

1562, September. "For three dozen pounde of cotton wycke," 3*l.* 6*s.*
"For six dozen of harde wycke," 18*s.*
"For a barrell of swete sope at Sturbridge," 50*s.*

1562, October. "Redd waxe for my master," 4*d.*

"Kychen."

1560. October. "For eight hundred salt fishe," 26*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*
"For a hundred lynges," 7*l.*

1561, February. "For paintinge of George of the kichen's coote," 10*d.*

1562, September. Paid for wafers to make marchepaines," 1*d.*

"Jurnying."

1561, October. Her Grace's charges in coming from Grimsthorpe to London with her train. At Huntingdon supper and breakfast, 46*s.* 4*d.* Drinking at Stilton, 15*d.* Dinner at Royston with other things, 39*s.* 11*d.* Supper and breakfast at Puckeridge, 54*s.* 1*d.* Dinner at Waltham, 17*s.* 1*d.* and 2*s.* 9*d.* for drink at Walsworth, Ware, and Hoddesdon. Total 8*l.* and 6*d.*

1561, November. "For the suppers of twenty four persones at the Swanne at Charing Crosse which attended upon her Grace to the Corte, 11*s.* 4*d.*"
"For a carre to bring a bedde from my Lady Katherine Capell's to Barbican when herr Grace was sick," 4*d.*

1562, June. Paid for boat hire, and carriage of "stuff" for her Grace and three servants to Greenwich, 3*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.*
Paid for the hiring of "fifteen persons at the Corte at Greenwich by the space of twenty daies, 3*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.*"

"Stable."

1561, December. "For a payer of silke raines for my Ladie," 26*s.* 8*d.*

GRIMSTHORPE.

1561, March —— "The booke of records for the Kychyn," being a list of the bills of fare for all the different tables. *Mr. Bertie and the*

*Duchess do not appear to have observed Lent, which however was strictly observed by every one else in the house.*

ACCOUNTS.

1580 ——. A list of expenses at Barbican from June to December 1580, chiefly for law and household matters.

THE SAME.

1583, November ——. A list of expenses at Grimsthorpe or London.

LORD WILLOUGHBY.

1587–9, ——. Particulars of moneys paid to Lord Willoughby's company of horse, and other soldiers. *Two books.*

RICHARD WARD.

## A MANUSCRIPT BELONGING TO LIEUTENANT-GENERAL LYTTELTON ANNESLEY.

General Lyttelton Annesley kindly sent for the inspection of the Commissioners the original diary kept by his ancestor the Earl of Anglesey, who held various high offices of State during the reign of Charles II. The historical interest of the extracts from it which are here printed is not great, but the diary as a whole is remarkable as showing how a man of the strictest puritanical training could live in almost daily intercourse with some of the most profligate characters of his time, without his own character and habits being in any way affected. Burnet describes the Earl as "A man of a grave deportment." The diary extends over a period of about four years and a half, there being an entry of the writer's doings on nearly every day in that time; but the passages from it which follow contain all the matter therein which seems to have any value at the present day.

May 8, 1671. I went with my wife to see Bulstrode and lay this night at Kensington house. I went every day after but the Lord's day to London about business and returned at night.

The Lord's days went to Kensington church in the morning, and in our own chapel Mr Agas preached afternoons.

She died Friday May 19.

May 21. I had first notice of Lady Rutland's death.

May. 26. I went early to London on many businesses. Begun the Bible again. This morning considering the great decay of piety and increase of profaneness and atheism, and particularly my own standing at a stay if not declining in grace, I fixed a resolution to renew the course I had in former times held of watching over my ways and recording the actions and passages of my life, both to quicken me in good ways and to leave a memorial thereof to my posterity for imitation, and to give God the glory of his guidance and mercy towards me and mine: purposing also to review the time past of my life and for the same ends to reduce all the passages thereof to writing that I could find memorials of or recollect: so to redeem the time because the days are evil.

MS. OF LIEUT.-GEN. LYTTELTON ANNESLEY.

May 27. Went to London to speak with the King before he went to Windsor, and did so.

This went not on. Contracted for Newport Pagnell manor fee farm rent in reversion at 8 years' purchase. And for the mills in possession by entering it in the minute book.

Wrote letters to Ireland; and went to Kensington to dinner. Spent the afternoon in reading, contemplation and conference, Dr Owen and his wife coming to us in the evening.

28. Went to church in the morning and heard Dr Hodges, Dean of Hereford. Several friends came to dinner and we had good discourse. Heard Mr Agas in the chapel afternoon. I had much relenting consideration this day of the intemperance the society of a great man had surprised me into 3 or 4 times since the King's restoration: perhaps God permitted me to fall, because I was too apt to pride myself that in the whole course of my life I was never before overtaken with drink; and I bless God I have the more abhorred it since, as I do myself for it: and bless God he never suffered me to be polluted with strange women, the sin of the times. As I was in the proper work of the day several persons of quality came and interrupted me successively; when gone, I returned to my closet work. Lord, pardon the diversions and drowsiness of this day!

Thoughts possessed me this day of building a library at Bletchington for the advancement of learning and religion in my family.

May 29. I went to London in the morning and returned to dinner with Sr Char. Wolseley and Lord Power, &c. with me. I spent the afternoon comfortably with my Christian friends, went to London to supper and came back safe to bed.

30. Spent the morning in devotion, reading and some business. Afternoon went to London about the subsidies of Westminster; made my report to the Committee of the Irish affairs; wrote for Ireland, &c.

31. Went to London to the African company and other business: came back to dinner. Afternoon conversed with friends and visited Aldn Erasmus Smith, Mr Nye, &c. and spent some time in reading, &c.

June 1. Went to London in the morning; did divers business and the usual duties. Returned at night.

June 2. Went to London in the morning to the Gambia Company's meeting. Afternoon was at Mrs More's hearing against Lady Morgan, at Council. Contracted with the Trustees for the manor of Newport Pagnell fee farm rent, &c.

3. Spent the morning at home in reading, writing & divers business. The afternoon the Bishop of Durham and many other friends from London took up the whole time almost.

4. The morning was at church at Kensington : at noon found the Duke of Buckingham and Lord Ashley come to dinner, and others: after noon heard Mr Agas in the chapel. After sermon came Lady Tyrill, &c., Lady Marquess of Worcester the younger, Lady Seymour and several others; by which the duties of the day were interrupted, which I endeavoured in the evening to redeem.

6. Went to London to meet a Comttee of Council; did several business and returned by noon. Lord Keeper and his Lady, his son and daughters and many other dined with us, and stayed much of the afternoon; and others came in.

June 7. Went to London about business of the navy chest and subsidies.

8. Went to London to the Gambia Company and Comttee of Council for Ireland, and returned to dinner. After dinner young Lady Ranelagh and her mother and several others came. I spent the rest of the day in study and the usual duties.

9. Went to meet the King at Council at Hampton Court according to summons and dined there: read over the book called the Unreasonableness of the Romanists; a very good discourse, especially the preface.

10. This day I spent at Kensington in reading and business and the usual duties. I read through Glanville's book against Dogmatizing; the scope of it is good, and 'twill not be amiss to read it again: he is much for De Carte's philosophy and against Aristotle's.

11. In the morning went to Kensington church; in the afternoon heard Mr Agas in the chapel. Read through the Triumphs of Rome over dispersed Protestancy: a notable book, being a true character of the corruptions of that church out of their own authors, and to be further perused as I go on in my book against Popery.

1671. June 17. Went to Hampton Court in the morning; met the King there and dined with him: went in the evening to Windsor. Lay at Mr Baker's.

18. Was at the King's chapel in the morning carrying the sword, there being no Knight of the Garter attending, though a collar day. Dined at Lord Chamberlain's who invited me. Was at the parish church afternoon.

19. [Cipher:—the King?] gave me little comfort, for though he confessed upon my putting him to it that he had nothing against me, and that I had served him well; yet 'twould be very inconvenient, he said, for his affairs, to take off my suspension and restore me, and said he thought he had offered me fair to settle 3000li a year on me for my life without putting me to any trouble. I told him 'twas my honour, and to be in his service I prized most; and after I should be in the execution of my place a while, I would surrender it upon such

terms as should satisfy him, and expect some other employment. I discoursed further at large with him, but found him hardened, yet told him I hoped he would at length do me justice which was all I asked. I told all to Lord S$^{t}$ Albans in whose lodgings this discourse was, who vowed to second it with all his might, and would see me at London.

20. Spent till 3 of the clock at home, then went on business to London. I did the usual duties. Carried Arthur to a school.

21. Went to London on business in the morning: returned to dinner with D$^{r}$ Owen and his wife. Spent the afternoon in visiting and reading and the usual duties.

22. Went to London in the morning to Council, the King coming thither; and by his direction signified by my Lord Ashley, who delivered me from His Ma$^{ty}$ the Report concerning the state of Ireland: for that end I made the said Report at Council, His Ma$^{ty}$ himself also directing me in person so to do. Lord Duke of Ormond and M$^{r}$ Attorney and Lord Arlington shewed anger at it, but in vain. I spent the rest of the day in business.

23. Went to London in the morning: saw L$^{d}$ Lieu$^{t}$ L$^{d}$ Ashley (who had command from the King to me about a warrant to be drawn to proceed in the business of the Report) and L$^{d}$ S$^{t}$ Albans, &c.; and prepared the said warrant and did several business.

24. Spent all day at Kensington in reading and other business. L$^{d}$ Ashley, Lord Ranlugh, my two brother Ashfields, &c. dined here, and much company after noon. Sent the warrant I drew yesterday by Lord Ashley to the King, and had much discourse with him, &c.

25. The morning I went to Kensington church; the afternoon heard M$^{r}$ Agas in the chapel. L$^{d}$ Dover and several others dined with us, and much company, Lady (? Chaworth) M$^{r}$ Attorney Montague and his wife, &c., came after noon; which was some interruption to duties, but I spent what time I could in them.

26. I went in the morning to London on business and returned to dinner; afternoon spent most with friends; son Power and daughter &c., came in the evening and supped with us; and went after that night to Colebrook in their journey for Ireland, leaving my grandson John Power and his maid with us: God preserve him and them!

July 2. In the morning was at the King's Chapel. Got not an opportunity to speak with the King for justice about my office till the evening, when I could do no better; by Lord S$^{t}$ Alban's advice I accepted what appears in the warrant I drew next morning.

5. Spent all day at London: set Charles to school at Newington.

8. The morning I went to London on business, and returned to dinner. The afternoon I went to Court, and did prepare the warrant for the Duke of York's conveyance of land to me, and the usual duties. My Lord Arlington told me the King had seen the warrant about my office of Treasurer of the Navy, and agreed to it all but the words 'to my satisfaction'; and six of the Council signing warrants for my 3000$^{li}$ a year, he wished me to speak to the King of it.
9. Went to church with the King in the morning; spoke with him of my business, who said he was resolved to be very kind to me, and would speak with Lord Arlington to dispatch my warrant. I dined with D$^{r}$ Bridiock, Dean of Salisbury, who invited me yesterday. Gave my warrant for the Duke of York to M$^{r}$ Wren to get signed.
10. This day I stayed at Windsor, and spent most at Court, the King having upon my further address yesterday required my stay till tomorrow, that the business of the navy should be heard; and I was summoned then to be at Council by nine in the morning. I did the usual duties; and in a special manner sought God's protection for next day, this being my birthday and I now 57 years of age; the Lord sanctify the rest of my days more to his glory! Duke of York agreed my warrant.
11. At Council in the morning the business of the navy was heard between the two Sir Thomas's, and it appeared I had kept to rules in the Treasury better than those before or after me, yet no justice done me. I went after noon to Stoke, where the King dined.
12. Went the morning to Court about my business; but the King being gone very early to Hampton Court, I went thither, and returned with the King, whom I spoke with about my office: he told me he could not now, but when he came back from Portsmouth he would settle all to my satisfaction. Then I moved him about the reducement of the quit-rent of Beare and Bantry, which he granted, and signed the warrant at night.
15. Spent the morning in business at London, writing letters to Lord Orrery, son Power and brother John; Lord Chief Justice Vaughan and several friends visiting me. Spent the afternoon at Kensington in business and taking the air, and did the usual duties.
16. Went to church at Kensington in the morning, and to our own chapel after noon: the Lord pardon slight performance at both! Several friends dined with us. I did spend the rest of the day in reading and other duties.
19. Went to London in the morning, and Lord Ashley, &c. calling me, we went to Lord Lieu$^{t}$ Barkley's to dinner at Twickenham, where we met also the

Duke of Bucks and Secretary Trevor, but did little business. The Duke in great kindness expressed his confidence in my friendship, and his design to have me Chancellor; being, as he was pleased to say, the fittest man in England, and the present Keeper a poor weak man not filling so great a place: when he pressed to know my opinion, I said I was not ambitious of it, and it was an envious and troublesome employment. He told me somebody must have it, and he believed he could get it me, and he thought they might live easily with me as a friend: I said, what the King pleased, so I was not excluded all employment, should satisfy me. He enjoined me secrecy, for the Lord Arlington, if it were known, would tell it as news to the King to disappoint it: to induce me he said he thought he could get the Keeper to be willing to give off, and be satisfied some other way; and so left things. I came home at night and did the usual duties.

21. After noon begun my journey with my family to Bletchington, and went that night to Wickham to bed, the Lord Wharton overtaking us, and making us see his buildings at Woburn by the way.

22. Went to dinner at Bletchington. After noon did several business, set the house in order, and did the usual duties.

23. Heard Mr Hooke at church in the morning, and Mr Agas at home after noon, and did other duties of the day, only friends gave some interruption.

31. Sr Tho. Spencer, Mr Horwood, Mr Jervis, Mr Underhill, Lady Jenkinson, Cousin Borlase, &c. came to dinner; my wife being gone for my daughter Anne, I made them very welcome, and spent most of the day with them till my wife came home.

Son Thomson came with my wife.

Aug. 1. Spent most of the day at home, the Bishop of Oxford and Sir Wm Fleetwood dining here. I went to Mr Dormer in the evening, and had the sad news of my son Annesley's dangerous sickness; the Lord be merciful to him!

2. Went in the morning to Grayes; stayed there all night, and viewed the house and grounds.

3. Came back to dinner to Bletchington, seeing Sr Timothy Terill, &c., by the way. Spent afternoon in business and usual duties.

4. Dined at Woodstock with Lord Lovelace, but suffered no excess in drinking, using caution against it.

6. Heard Mr Hooke in the morning, and Mr Agas after noon, when sad letters came again from Belvoir of my son's dangerous sickness: I dispatched the messenger Rowland back at night with letters to them all, and sent Dr Forrest also with cordial waters.

7. Spent all day at home, Lord Lovelace and much other company dining here.

9. Spent this day at home, S^r^ Tim. Terill, his lady and daughters coming also to dinner. I did the usual duties, & heard well of my son at night: God be praised!
10. Spent at home, the Bishop of Oxford and divers others coming to dinner.
14. Spent the morning at home in business; the afternoon went a visiting, and sent my coach to Oxford to fetch my son and daughter Annesley come from London.
15. Spent the whole day at home, blessing God for their safe coming home, my grandchild Frank Annesley arriving also from Belvoir.
18. Went with most of our friends to dinner to S^r^ Timothy Terill's, being invited yesterday; daughter Thomson was come before we came back. I did some business and the usual duties: sent my coach to Stokenchurch.
19. Went out in my son's chariot at 6, and was at Stokenchurch by 10, and thence in my own coach by 4 after noon.
25. Was at London about business, and writing letters all day, and did the accustomed duties. The Duke of Bucks was with me and spoke of the presidentship.
26. This morning at 5 o'clock S^r^ Richard Astley went in the flying coach towards Bletchington. I spent all day at London in business. Dined with L^d^ Barkley, who assured me all were for my being Keeper, but S^r^ Tho. Osborne opposed; that the Keeper himself was infirm, and willing to give off: he said he spake not this by rote, but on good grounds. He told me also Lady —— had refused to see him. I was also by divers told the news was I was to be Privy Seal and Lord Ashley Treasurer; but sure I am fit for no place if unworthy my own, nor desire I any unless better courses be steered. I did the usual duties. This day's discourse calls to mind how Lord Ashley yesterday complimented me about the Lord Keeper's place, being pleased to tell me none would fill it better, and that if he had any power he would endeavor it.

Sept. 1. Spent at London, being at Council in the morning.
2. Sent for by Lady Peterborough: found her sad by her evil usage, and comforted her what I could: she told me all his unkindness, but wished me to forbear speaking to him till she saw me again.
3. Went to London in the morning and saw the Duke of York early, taking the liberty to discourse with him of what people talked of him and the Countess of Falmouth, commending the Countess of Northumberland to him for a wife, giving her her due praises, as I know none deserves more, having known her from her childhood. He thanked me, and said there was no ground for the reports of him, which he had heard from others, and told me all which had passed between him and the King,

which was presently after his wife's death, viz. that he left him free to himself, and that when he should move any one to him for a wife he would advise him as a friend; in fine, he commended the Countess of Northumberland for a very fine lady, and said if the King would have him marry abroad he should choose for him, if at home he would chose a wife for himself; and I observed he was from this time very merry and pleasant whilst I stayed.

I went then to my Lady Peterborough, whom I found in the old manner very sad and weeping, my Lord not having been at home that night, and using her very ill and with threatenings when he last saw her; having for above a year and a half forsaken her bed and taking his pleasures elsewhere: he also encouraged child and servants against her, and bid the servants not answer her when she spoke to them, and said they should not value her a 'chif', but spit in her face if he bid them. She said she had no friend, and her heart was even broken with discontent; she had borne long, but now had no hopes and could not rest; and she was 'hared' and her memory gone, and could be a housekeeper no longer, which was all he used her for; and that with harshness and rigour, never giving her a good word, but pawning all she had: and begged of me with tears, being his friend, to see what I could do, for else she would leave off all business, and go to her prayers for him. I comforted her what I could, and promised my assistance, though a tender business.

I was the morning at Whitehall chapel, and spent the afternoon at Kensington in duties.

4. Went to London with six horses in the morning, L[d] Lieu[t] of Ireland being to go his journey; we parted very kindly. I did several business; got Sir James Shaen made Secretary to the Commission for the lands in Ireland, with the King's consent. Spoke with Lord Peterborough, who took it kindly, denying much his lady said, but taxing her of great unquiet; but offering me to make me judge of all differences, and promising kindness if she would not disquiet him. I spoke with her also in the evening, who denied all, and said he cared not what he said, and that she had not seen him these four days. I moderated both what I could, and did the usual duties. Lyndon came to me in the evening, having been three days in town.

6. Was all day at London. Perfected my counterpart to the Duke of York of the lands granted to me by him, viz., Ballysax, &c. Was at the Commission for Ireland, and at Council: did several other business, and the usual duties.

8. Went to London early; was at Council: did several business and the usual duties. This day S[r] ——— told me Lord Ashley had asked him yesterday

before we met what lands I had gotten more than I should by the settlement. He answered, I had got 1700li a year less than I should.

Captain —— told me he had the same day asked him what I meant that I and Sr James Shaen had abused them in the Report concerning Ireland, and kept him in the dark; but he would not be so used. God forgive this false man and pretended friend! Lord St John got me to go with him to the Comrs of the Treasury this afternoon, endeavours being used to get the King to break his contract for the Customs' farm; I did my part as his trustee, yet persuaded them to fair things towards the King.

13. This day spent at London at Council, and several business. Lord Arlington showed me a base trick, speaking to the King (when he was giving him direction to pass my warrant for 3000li a year) to have me surrender my office first, which was never so much as mentioned before, but left as the security for my due payment, as appears by the draught of the warrant. I refused it, and told the King this was not Lord Arlington's first ill office to me; neither can I do it for many reasons. I told several friends of this, who all justified me in it. I did the usual duties.

14. Spent all day at London. Got Lord St John and the rest of the farmers to submit to the King, so they might be secured savers. Did several other business, and the usual duties.

15. Spent at London at Council in the morning, at the Commission of Ireland after noon, and did other business; particularly brought the late farmers to agree for a security for their money very moderately, and carried it to the King; and did the usual duties.

Oct. 10. Spent this day at home. Lady Pesly and five or six other ladies, Mr Lenthall, two Mr Dunces &c. dining, and divers of them supping here, and spending most of the day in jollity. I did the usual duties: the Lord pardon all amiss!

12. Spent the morning at home. The afternoon went to Oxford and found the waters very [*high ?*]; therefore came home by Hedington and Islip. I did the usual duties.

13. Wrote to son Thomson and his father by my daughter returning, but after she stayed till next day, and I went with her to see Arthur, sending her coach before.

14. Went at 8 in the morning with my daughter Thomson in my coach to Buckingham; was there by eleven, where my grandchild Arthur Thomson met us after two. Having dined, I came back with my other daughters and Mr Forbes in my coach, and they went to Haversham; we were at Bletchington by five. Some of the usual duties I was forced to put off till next day.

MS. of Lieut.-Gen. Lyttelton Annesley.

17. Spent this day at home: Mr Holoway dined with me; we had much discourse of the country, &c. He told me I was generally beloved, but by the clergy, who reported I carried Dr Owen to Windsor to the King in my coach; a loud lie, though I know no hurt in it. I did several business, and the usual duties.

21. Went to London and spent all day there, being at the Irish Commission after noon; and did the usual duties.

22. Went to the chapel at Whitehall in the morning, Dr Tuliy preaching. I heard Mr Agas after noon at Kensington, and did the usual duties.

23. Was at London in the morning about business at the Irish Commission, &c. Spent the afternoon in sorting papers, &c. at Kensington.

[1671-2.]

Jan. 2. An extraordinary Council being summoned to I went out of my bed to it, and gave the King faithful counsel against his seizing men's moneys, &c.; and so did most of the Council, but 'twas not followed. God amend these [beginnings] of evil! I came home ill, and continued to keep my bed till Jan. 9th the day before my son Arthur going to Mr Hoblon's.

21. In the morning heard Dr Stillingfleet at St Andrew's and Mr Agas after noon, and did other duties of the day.

22. The morning was at the Commission for Ireland and other business; the afternoon visiting and business and the usual duties.

23. Was with the King in the morning in private ong, who was very kind and free, telling me al his designs against the Dutch and for liberty. I did several business, and some duties.

24. Spent the morning at the Irish Commission: the afternoon at Council; and did some duties, and endeavoured to make peace in my family.

25. The morning kept my son Annesley and Thomson from a quarrel, and was at the Court of Appeals. The afternoon at the Treasury about the Irish establishment; and in the evening at Mrs Banke's funeral, where I heard Dr Stillingfleet. At eight of the clock the King's playhouse took fire, and most of that side of Russell Street and many other houses thereabout were burnt down, and we in Drury Lane and all about in great danger; but the Lord had mercy, and by great industry and blowing up houses the fire was overcome: I had no rest, but sat up almost all night, even till six in the morning. The Lord pardon sin, which brings judgements!

March 2. Saturday. Continued very ill of the gout from Febr. 22 to this day, though I went sometimes out; and particularly Tuesday and Thursday last to the Reader, Sir Francis Goodrick, of Lincoln's Inns' feast, where the King, Duke of York, &c., were on

Thursday; and did duties as I could, being still very lame.

7. The gout still continuing; yet I went to Council yesterday, and to the Irish Commission the day before, and abroad every day, and did duties as I could.

8, 9, 10, 11. All this time ill in bed of the gout.

12, 13, 14. All these days ill in bed of the gout.

15. I was at Council, where I spoke my mind freely to the Declaration offered by the King for indulgence; observing the Papists are put thereby into a better and less jealoused state than the dissenting Protestants: see my notes.

16. Ill in bed of the gout.

17. Was at Council: spoke my mind to the Declaration against the Dutch, and proposed the last treaty might be observed in not seizing of merchants' goods, but giving time to withdraw if war were judged necessary, &c.

18, and to April 6. Ill in bed of the gout.

April 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. Ill still of the gout, but got up some days, though I could not get abroad.

12. I wrote to Lord S$^{t}$ Alban's and Lord Arlington, though still ill of the gout.

13. Lord Chamberlain came to me, and told me he and Lord Arlington had a good time with the King yesterday for me: that his Ma$^{ty}$ would give me the mastership of the Rolls, instead of my office of the Navy, if I would accept it, and clear all for time past. I said I was willing to serve and please the King his own way, and liked better to be among lawyers, as I was bred, than in any other course.

21. In the morning heard D$^{r}$ Tillotson's excellent sermon at Whitehall against the Papists on 1 Cor. 3. 15.; After noon M$^{r}$ Agas at home, and did other duties of the day.

22. Moved the King in the morning to have D$^{r}$ Tillotson's sermon printed which he said he liked; but I had long dispute with the King which I will not mention, he giving no direction for the printing. The afternoon I was at the Irish Commission and Council Committees.

May 29. Was the morning at church at Court. Afternoon spent most with the King, the news coming in the morning of the fleets engaging yesterday.

30. More news came. I spent the morning in reading and at Court. Dined with Lady Peterborough; was after noon at Court, and did some business and duties at home.

31. The morning was at Council, and about my own business at Court: the afternoon also at Whitehall; Sir John Trevor's funeral being in the evening.

June 22. This day I spent most at home in business, and sadness for my grandchild Franck's illness of the flock pox, this being about the 11th day; and did duties.

23. After commending the sweet babe to God, I went to Lincoln's Inn to church about nine of the clock; after I was gone she sweetly slept in the Lord. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord, who hath taken her from the evil to come! The 28th of this month she would have been 17 months old, being born Jan. 28. 1670, about five in the evening.

I heard Mr Agas after noon.

The child was buried at 10 of the clock at night in St Martin's chancel.

I did other duties; wrote to my son, and comforted my daughter.

July 3. Spent the morning at Council; the afternoon at the Earl of Sandwich his funeral, in gown and hood,

Sandwich. as one of the assistant eight Earls to the chief mourner the Earl of Manchester, and did duties. He was buried in Queen Elizabeth's aisle in Henry the Seventh's chapel.

18. Went after business done at home to Lady Cranborne's to Twickenham to dinner, and visited several friends coming home; and did duties.

19. Spent the morning at Council; the afternoon at the Council of Plantations about the Duke of York's business: the rest at Marybone, and did duties.

20. This morning I spent at home and at Court. The afternoon I went to see Mr Lewis his school at Tottenham High Cross, and after wrote letters and did duties.

21. Was at Court in the morning and heard Dr Cartwright preach; the afternoon Mr Agas at home, and did the usual duties.

22. This day went with the Earl of Essex to St Alban's,

Essex, Earl. and stayed there, sitting up with him and the ladies all night.

23. Took leave of him in the morning: came home about 9 o'clock, and went to bed till about noon, sleeping, and then rose to dinner. After noon I did several business at home and abroad, and wrote to Lord Lieutenant of Ireland Lord Berkley in answer to his, and did duties.

29. Spent the morning at Whitehall and at home, dining at Lord Devonshire's; Lord Burleigh's daughter being baptized by the name of Christian. I played part of the afternoon; did business the rest, and duties; and had letters of my son Richard's

Dick chosen fellow. election at Magdalen College to a fellowship, the 26th.

30. This being a stormy wet day, I spent most at home, and wrote letters and did duties.

Aug. 4. Was the morning at Whitehall; carried the sword, and heard Dr Barrow or Barwick; the afternoon heard Mr Agas and did other duties. And in my great perplexity for want of 1200li Sr St. Fox came himself to me, hearing I had sought for him, and freely lent it; God's providence be magnified!

5. Spent the morning in receiving and paying this money to the chest, and directing Altham's journey to France with my daughter Thomson: the afternoon in other business for money, and did duties; my son is bound with me for it.

21. Went to dinner to Lord Berkley's at Durdans, and returned at night, 13 miles; and did duties.

Sept. 17. The morning spent with my sister and at Council; the afternoon at home till about 5 o'clock, went to meet friends at Captn Rosse's and stayed till ten: Lord pardon neglect of duties!

28. Spent the morning in business, and sitting for my picture: the afternoon writing letters, and did duties.

29. Heard Mr Lee of Hatfield the morning at Court; no such great preacher as famed. Mr Agas afternoon, and spent the rest of the day in duties.

1672. Oct. 1. Spent the morning at Council. After Council the King told me he had directed my grant to pass, and expressed much kindness to me and confidence in me. I thanked him for his justice, and said I hoped I should deserve new favours: I held the bason after at healing. This day Duke of Ormond being applied to for signing Captn Rosse his Report for 1000li a year quit rents, seeing my hand to it and Lord St Albans', asked Captn Rosse what share we two had for signing. I have deserved better of him, but it seems his Lordship used to take bribes, that suspects me who never did, but have refused great ones. I corrected also this day his Grace's Beagle Vernon for reporting, which the Duke also spread even to the King's ear, that I would have bought Ruthorne's 3000 acres for myself, and because I was denied opposed his and Vernon's pretences. The King, who knew the falsehood as well as himself, called him lying knave, and ordered him to correct his order.

King's justice to me.

D. Ormond's enmity.

24. Spent the morning at Whitehall; then dined at Draper's Hall at the military company's feast, with the Duke of York and many of the nobility, &c. The evening spent at home, and did duties.

Nov. 17. This morning the great seal, which was sent for last night from the Lord Keeper, was delivered to Lord Shaftsbury as Chancellor. I heard Dr Alestree preach; the afternoon I heard Mr Agas, went to visit the sick Bishop of Chester, and the late Lord Keeper, and did duties.

Earl Shaftsbury Chancellor.

18. This morning I spent at Whitehall and visits. After dinner went to congratulate Lord Shaftsbury, and after mutual expostulations of what was past, we concluded in promises of friendship. I supped with Lord Poor [Power] and officers.

I saw the Bishop of Chester, and took my last leave of him.

21. Spent this morning at home in business; dined at Lady [Dow.] Devonshire's; the rest of the day in visits and duties. This day also Lord Duke of Ormond made great professions of friendship to me, and told me if any expressions or actions had proceeded from him which seemed contrary, he asked my pardon: this being at Lady Devonshire's, where Lord Chancellor and much company dined, he said he would take another time to open himself more fully to me. I was delivered from a continued slander.

April 10. Spent the morning at home: the afternoon at the caveat against Lord Power's grant, and at home till eight of the clock that we went to Lord Astley's funeral, who was buried in S$^{t}$ Martin's church under the communion table. After return home, Lord Mohun moved me with great civility and expression of kindness for a match with my daughter Philips, wherein I gave him fair reception. I did duties after.

Phil.

11. The morning I spent with the King and at Council. His Ma$^{ty}$ was very kind to me; and told me in the room within his bed-chamber, being in private with him, that he had resolved to make me Privy Seal; and I assured him I would make use of his favour to do him the better service. My Lord Mohun continued his addresses with more civility, desiring only my daughter, and leaving all things else to my self, whether I gave anything or nothing. I did the usual duties.

21. Found that some had been undermining me with the King, and shaken him so far as that he told my Lord Arlington that it was not reasonable I should have my 3000$^{li}$ pension and the privy seal both: which being acquainted with, I went to his Ma$^{ty}$ before supper, and upon reasoning matters with him set all right and disappointed my enemies, and his Ma$^{ty}$ bid me come next morning, and I should have the privy seal. I did duties, and secured the assistance of friends.

22. This morning I attended the King, who before he went to Sheerness delivered me the privy seal in the purse, with great expression of his value of my services and trust in me, and that he was resolved of further instances thereof. I kissed his hands, and after congratulations by his Royal Highness and the generality of the Lords and others, returned home with it, store of company dining with me. The afternoon sat in Chancery, and did duties.

Privy Seal.

Lord Marshal and Sons; Sr Cha. Cotrel: the Clerks also of the Privy Seal.

23. Spent this day at home in business, and receiving the congratulations of the Lord Treasurer, the Marquis of Worcester, Lord Halifax, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Lord Devonshire, Lord Salisbury and multitude of others; and did duties.

Earl of Berkshire, &c.

24. This day many more of all sorts came to congratulate me. I went at noon to my Lord Chancellor's in my gown with the seal and took the oaths of allegiance and supremacy and the oath of Privy Seal; the Earls of Craven and Carbery, Lord Mohun, Lord le Power, Sr Edward Sydenham, the Clerk of the Crown, Mr Agar and several of my own servants and others being present; and dined there, though it was my wedding day and much company at home, to whom I returned as soon as I could; and made Devereux Browne my steward, and did several business and duties. The Swedish resident visited, as that of Genoa did yesterday.

26. This morning Sr Franc. Goodrick, Mr Day, Sr Nic. Pedley and Mr Thomas Manly, Benchers of Lincoln's Inn, came, being sent by the Society to congratulate my being Lord Privy Seal, and desiring leave to put up my arms in their hall window by the Lord Chief Justice Fortescue. Lord and Countess Dowager of Kent, Lady Prat and many others came to congratulate also, and Sr Liolin (Leoline) Jenkins, Lord Burlington, Mr Waler, Mrs Middleton, Lady Harvy, &c. This morning I first sealed seven privy seals; see the dockets. I made visits, did several business and duties.

29. Spent the morning most abroad. The rest of the time the Master of the Rolls, Duchess of Somerset, Col. Fitzpatrick, Sr Andr. Henly, Danish Resident and many others came to congratulate me, and I did several business and duties.

May 20. This morning about ten of the clock at Lambeth, the Archbishop of Canterbury married my grandson John Power, not eight year old, to Mrs Katherine Fitzgerald, his cousin german, about 13 year of age. I gave her in the chapel there, and they answered as well as those of greater age. The wedding dinner and supper I gave them, and the rest of the day and till 12 at night was spent in dancing, &c. and they lay in my house. I did duties, and commended them to God's blessing.

June 16. Spent the morning with Lord Treasurer and in visits and business. The afternoon at home, sealing and other business, and Lord Ranelagh came to me, and told me he and Duke of Bucks, &c. having dined together, they had discourse of me, and that the Duke expressed great kindness to me, and said he would make Sr Tho. Osborne and me good friends. Lord Treasurer Clifford had said

before to me he would appoint a time to do the same before he gave up the white staff, it being for the King's service we should agree well. I did duties also.

21. Went this day to Rislip to see Lord Chandos his house and Lord! it is a pitiful place. Came home at night, and did duties.

Sept. 20, 1673. The morning was at the Admiralty Commission, and thence at our desire met with the King at Lord Arlington's, finding that our cables and anchors were like to be to our disfurnishment lent to the French to supply their great loss by the late storms; yet we did all we could for them out of the Dutch prizes, &c. The afternoon did business at home,

Richmond Duke. and at six went to Duke of Richmond's funeral in Henry the Seventh's chapel, having mourning for gown, hood and clothes sent to me. I did usual duties.

Oct. 27. The morning spent in Parliament. After dinner my wife fell into such a Bedlam railing humour because Mr Heather came to tell me (when I had forbid pantaloons for Dick) that she had ordered him to make them, that I was never so abused in my life, and this Mr Gache and others by, and all my daughters; which put me in a resolution to bring her to better terms, than to be counted a [cipher]. I spent the afternoon at Tangier and Admiralty Commission, and at home sealing, and did duties; referring my cause to God, who changes hearts.

Nov. 10, 1673. This morning I spent at St James', and at the Admiralty Commission: the afternoon at Court and at home, and did business and duties.

26. This morning I spent at home in business and sealed.

Duchess of York. The afternoon I went to see the Duchess of York, but could not. The rest till nine spent at the Admiralty, where the words of a cheat upon the King by the new grant of victualling passed from the

Lord Treasurer and Sr Tho. Littleton. Lord Treasurer, which Sr Tho. Littleton resented it with the words "no more cheat than he that said it"; the Treasurer replied he would deal with him elsewhere, that he was a cheat or knave, and he would prove it: some of us went and acquainted the King, and with the proposal of the victuallers for continuing a while longer. I did the usual duties.

27. This morning I spent at home; the afternoon went

Mrs Thomson to good Mrs Ellena Thomson my sister-in-law's funeral, and saw her laid in the vault at Cree church in London. I did other duties.

March 27, 1674. The morning heard the sermon at Court: the afternoon was at Council, and did other business and duties; sealed in the morning also, and was at Tangier Commission. After Council Lord Arling-

ton, upon my passing Lord Rochester's grant by the King's command, said, before Lord Keeper and many more, that I understood not the duty of my place; that he never looked for better from me, that by God I served everybody so, and would do so to the end of the chapter.

29. The morning heard the Bishop of Chester at Whitehall, after I had been with the King telling him of Lord Arlington's usage on the 27th, not as complaining, which I told his Maty I had never done in 14 years' service of any my fellow servants, but as a business his Maty was most concerned in: his Maty said he had done insolently, and should hear of it. The afternoon heard Mr Squib at home, and did other duties.

July 13. Spent this day at London in several business, and in the afternoon Dr Tillotson, Dean of Canterbury, baptized my son Annesley's boy James; my wife godmother, Lord Roos and Lord Montague godfathers, by deputy. I did duties also.

Grandson.

Aug. 4. This day I spent at home, Dr Drope, Mr Browne, Mr Smith and Mr Bayly of Magdalen College coming all to me before dinner, and other friends: they four stayed all night. I did duties.

Sept. 10. Spent much of this day in examining the robbery committed on Captn Robert Thornhill last night, and sent Hugh Parry to Newgate. The afternoon went to London to find out the rest of the thieves, and wrote to Sr Wm Turner about them. Stayed all night at my house in Drury Lane, and did duties.

11. At my lodgings in Whitehall examined John Griffith another of the robbers, and Andrew Daber the butcher; was at Council, and did several business and duties. Lord Arlington was made Lord Chamberlain; Sr Joseph Williamson Secretary and sworn Councillor. I stayed in town and did duties.

13. After night shut I went to my daughter Mohun, she and her husband being desperately out again. I cannot but blame both, but her most being my ungracious daughter and breaking all my advices and carrying herself irreligiously. Among other expressions she said she would be a common whore before she would submit to her husband's will in what I thought fit; if she had not been married I had beat her, I did call her "impudent baggage," and said she carried herself like a whore, and left her with resolution to see her no more. This was after her husband had sworn never to strike her nor give her ill words.

Dec. 2. Spent most of the day in reconciling my daughter Mohun and her husband, and supt with them and left them in bed.

MS. OF LIEUT.-GEN. LYTTELTON ANNESLEY.

The diary ends with Oct. 2, 1675, the entries in 1675 being of similar character with preceding ones, and of little interest. Another manuscript volume is in existence which contains the continuation of Lord Anglesey's diary down to 1684, but this in some way passed out of the hands of the family and is now among the manuscripts in the British Museum, for which department it was purchased in 1851.

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